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The March of Chollima continues under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea

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Front Cover:
A column of labour heroes and labour innovators

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We'll march forward holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle in firm unity with the peoples fighting in Asia, Africa and Latin America

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May Day

The working class in our country celebrated May Day in a situation in which a fierce struggle is being waged between the forces of revolution and counter-revolution. The working people of this country are making labour efforts in full swing to carry out the Party's line on the parallel development of economic construction and defence build-up and to meet in a positive way the great event of the reunification by rallying themselves firmly around the Party and the Leader.

Colourful events greeting the holiday took place throughout the country. On May 1 more than 300,000 citizens including Red Worker-Peasant Militia, working people, youth and students assembled in a mammoth demonstration in Pyongyang.

In the afternoon of May 2 the mass gymnastic show "Revolutionary Era" was performed by 45,000 people at the Moranbong Stadium in celebration of May Day. In the evening the music and dance epic "Glorious Is Our Fatherland" was staged, with 3,000 artistes taking part, at the State Acrobatic Theatre. In addition, soirees were held for the working people in the Kim Il Sung square and Moranbong youth park respectively.

Through these events our working people showed clearly that they were united firmly around the Party and the Leader and got fully ready for tackling any revolutionary tasks.

Eighty foreign delegations and delegates along with a great number of friends from various countries attended the celebrations and enjoyed together with our working people.

The foreign guests looked around the city of Pyongyang and visited factories, enterprises, co-op farms and cultural establishments in Hamheung, Wonsan and Kaesong, etc. They also made visits to Panmunjom, Mt. Keumgang, Songdowon beach and other scenic spots.

Through the May Day celebrations and their tour in the country they realized better than ever that the Korean people are fulfilling with credit their national and international obligations, holding high the banner of Marxism-Leninism under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

After making a tour in the provinces they came to understand fully the correctness of the policy pursued by the Workers' Party of Korea on the problem of reunification and socialist construction. They were amazed at the results achieved by the Korean working class and people under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung.

The foreign guests were warmly welcomed by the working class and people during their sojourn in Korea and the Korean working class was much encouraged by their support to its struggle.

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Welcome to Foreign Delegates!

The Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea arranged on the evening of May Day a banquet at the Okryu Hall in honour of the visiting foreign guests.

Comrade Kim Il, First Vice-Premier of the Cabinet, made a speech on the occasion.

In the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the D.P.R.K. Government, he extended heartfelt greetings to the visiting delegations and delegates.

Your visit to our country, he said, inspires the Korean people in the struggle for socialist construction and the independent reunification of their country.

In more than 20 years following the liberation the Korean people under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung have established the socialist system in the northern part of the country and converted it into a socialist industrial-agricultural state with the solid foundations of an independent national economy, upholding the banner of self-reliance, he stressed, and he went on: "However, South Korea occupied by U.S. imperialism still remains a land of darkness under a harsh colonial fascist rule."

Denouncing the U.S. imperialists who are feverishly stepping up war preparations in South Korea, Comrade Kim Il said that in the past five months alone, they perpetrated armed raids and fired shells and bullets against our side across the Military Demarcation Line on more than 60 occasions and sent various naval vessels into the coastal waters of our side on over 200 occasions in gross violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

All these have again made the situation as tense as it was when the American imperialists started the aggressive war in Korea in 1950.

Saying that the U.S. imperialists are introducing today even the Japanese militarist forces for the implementation of their policy of aggression against Korea, he stressed: "The obtaining grave situation created by the daily aggravating manoeuvrings of the U.S. imperialists for the unleashing of war compels us to reorganize all work of socialist construction to make our defence impregnable."

Comrade Kim Il went on:

"We do not want war, but never fear it. We are fully prepared to administer an annihilating blow to the U.S. imperialist aggressors and sweep them away if they dare unleash a new war in Korea."

Comrade Kim Il extended sincere thanks to the peoples of the world, international democratic organizations and social and political figures who rendered support to the Korean people in the cause of the country's reunification.

He condemned the imperialists who, hoping to smother the surging revolutionary struggle of the people, are intensifying the policies of aggression and war against the socialist countries and the national-liberation forces, scheming to destroy and overthrow new-born countries and disturbing peace everywhere in the world.

The Korean people are rendering every possible support and encouragement to the fraternal Vietnamese people in their just war of resistance for national salvation. The U.S. aggressors must stop at once the bombing raids and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and withdraw without delay from South Vietnam, taking their aggressor forces and satellite and puppet troops as well as all lethal weapons.

Comrade Kim Il stressed: "We consider that peace can be maintained and consolidated when all the progressive people of the world realize the anti-imperialist joint action and anti-imperialist united front and bind the imperialist aggressors hand and foot so that they can not run wild at will.

"The Korean people will as before advance hand in hand with the peoples of all lands for the common cause of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

"Our people will continue to make every effort to strengthen friendship and solidarity with the peoples of the socialist countries.

"The Korean people regard it as their duty to support and actively assist the peoples in their struggle against imperialism and old and new colonialism and for freedom and liberation.

"We express warm support to and solidarity with all the Asian peoples in their struggle against the U.S. imperialists' aggression and for national liberation and the consolidation of their independence.

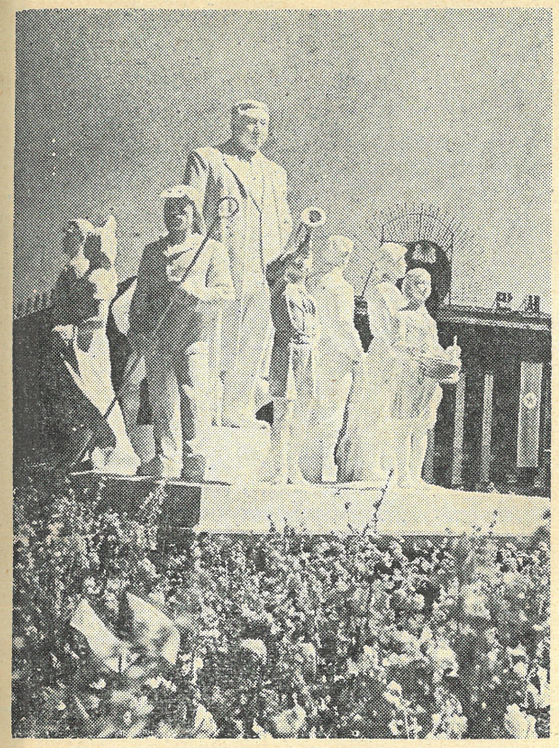
"We express warm support to and firm solidarity with all the African peoples in their struggle for national liberation and the consolidation of their independence.

"We express warm support to and solidarity with all the Latin American peoples who are waging vehement struggle against U.S. imperialism and dictatorship and for liberation.

"The Korean people also express full support to and solidarity with the working class and working people in the capitalist countries in their revolutionary struggle for liquidating exploitation and oppression by capital and for winning democratic rights and freedom."

The attendants drank a toast to friendship and solidarity among the progressive peoples of the world.

The banquet proceeded in an atmosphere of friendship and fraternity.



A set of statues carried by demonstrators is showing the entire people united firmly around their Leader.

Unshakable Unity

On May Day a big mass rally was held in Pyongyang. It was attended by more than 300,000 people in the city and addressed by Kim Dong Kyu, candidate member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and chief secretary of the Pyongyang Municipal Committee of the Party. Follows the gist of his speech:

The Korean people are celebrating May Day, the spring holiday, at a time when the whole country is seething with revolutionary enthusiasm and vigorous labour struggle for meeting the approaching great revolutionary event with full preparedness, upholding the resolutions of the historical Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea.

They have won great victory in socialist revolution and socialist construction by thoroughly carrying through the correct line of the Workers' Party of Korea on *Juche* (Self-identity) in ideology, independency in politics, self-reliance in economy and self-defence in national defence, Kim Dong Kyu declared.

He further said:

The advanced socialist system free of exploitation and oppression, which the Korean people aspired after so ardently and for which the revolutionary forerunners shed blood, has been firmly established in the northern half of the country.

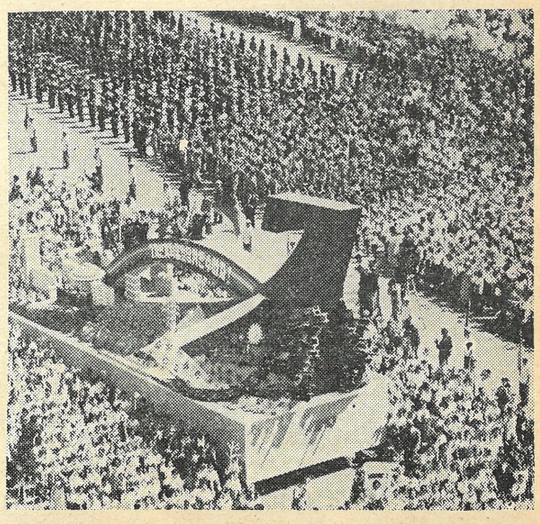
Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party has led the Korean revolution along a most correct road to victory by creatively applying Marxism-Leninism to the reality of the country.

Our Party, the successor to the glorious revolutionary tradition of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, has grown into a tested Party, a militant Party united as firm as steel, which has made immortal exploits and accumulated rich experiences in the acute struggle against imperialism and class enemies at home and abroad, and opportunism of all hues and in the struggle for building a new socialist fatherland through all twists and turns.

The Party ideas of breathing and acting together with the Central Committee of the Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung have been firmly established within our Party and a rock-firm unity of the Party, people and People's Army has been achieved.

The work of arming the entire people with the ideas of the working class and of revolutionizing them is progressing successfully and the state and social sys-

Demonstrators showing the features of our working people who have advanced under the banner of self-reliance



tem has been consolidated still firmer.

Our military might has grown incomparably and the whole country has been solidly built up as an iron-wall fortress.

Along the wise military line of the Party on training the army into an army of cadres, modernizing it, arming the entire people and converting the whole land into a fortress, the People's Army has grown and strengthened into revolutionary armed forces, each soldier being capable of matching one hundred enemies, and the nation-wide defence system with the People's Army as the core has been established.

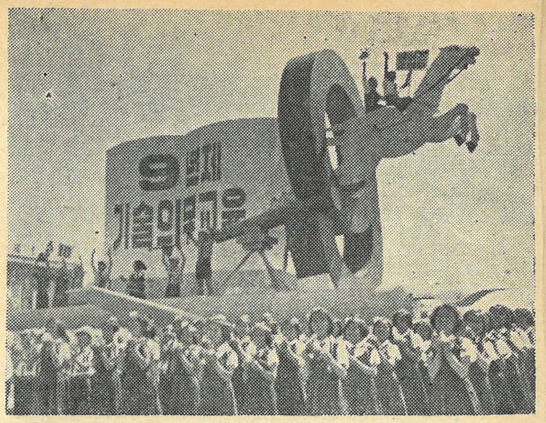
The officers and men of our People's Army are vigilantly watching the war manoeuvrings of the enemy and are in full combat preparedness to rise up in the fight to crush the aggressors and unify the fatherland any time when the Party and the Leader issue the order.

Alongside the People's Army, the entire working people firmly taking a rifle in one hand and a sickle or a hammer in the other have made preparations to counter any invasion of the enemy, while striving for production and construction.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, he warned, had better not run rashly but look straight at the might of our powerful People's Army and the entire armed people.

We do not want war, but we are not afraid of it. We want the peaceful reunification of the fatherland. But if the U.S. imperialist aggressors ignite again a war of aggression in Korea, we will deal a thousand-fold retaliatory blow to them, make a clean sweep of the enemy and accomplish the cause of the reunification of the fatherland.

Then the speaker referred to the tragic lot of the South Korean people under the U.S. imperialists' colonial rule.



A column of schoolchildren greeting the enforcement of the 9-year compulsory technical education system

We will liberate the southern half of the country in our generation and hand over a unified and flourishing fatherland to the next generation, declared the reporter.

Then he trenchantly condemned the U.S. imperialists who, directing the spearhead of aggression against Asia, have revived Japanese militarism, are knocking together their Asian puppets including the Pak Jung Hi clique and escalating the bestial war of aggression against the Vietnamese people by mobilising even the mercenary troops of their satellites and puppets.

The socialist countries, the Communist and Workers' Parties of all countries and all the anti-imperialist forces, by taking an international anti-imperialist joint action and forming an anti-imperialist united front, should positively assist the righteous struggle of the Vietnamese people and curb and frustrate the U.S. imperialists' aggression in Vietnam, stressed the reporter. He went on:

Poster: Let's meet in a positive way the great event of the country's reunification!

Our Party and people regard the U.S. imperialists' aggression on Vietnam as one against themselves and, together with them, will fight to the end against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy.

The Korean people resolutely support the anti-imperialist, national liberation struggle of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples against imperialism and colonialism and for national independence and will continue to strive for developing the relations of cooperation with all countries which want to have friendly relations with us.

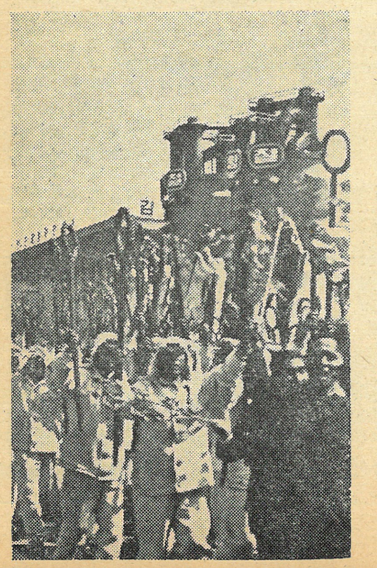
We express positive support to and firm solidarity with the revolutionary struggles of the working class and toiling masses of the capitalist countries against exploitation and plunder by capital and for democratic rights and socialism.

He declared in conclusion:

Our Party and people will in the future, too, hold fast to the line of independency, oppose right and left opportunism, staunchly safeguard the purity of Marxism-Leninism and defend the banner of solidarity.

We will defend the unity of the socialist camp and the cohesion of the international communist movement on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, oppose imperialism in firm unity with the world people and continue to strive to carry the revolution through to the end.

Column of smelters



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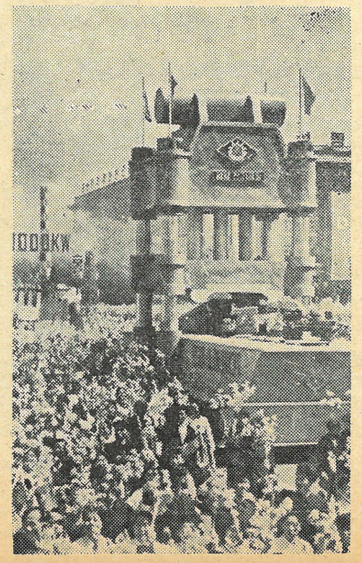

Column of electric workers

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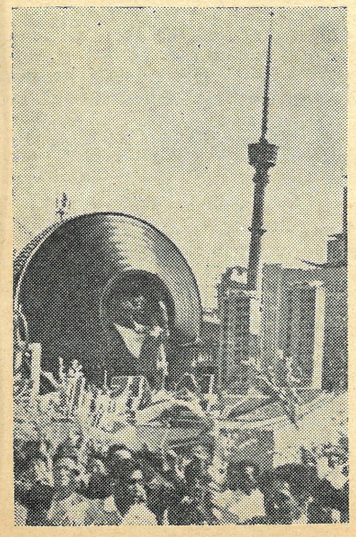


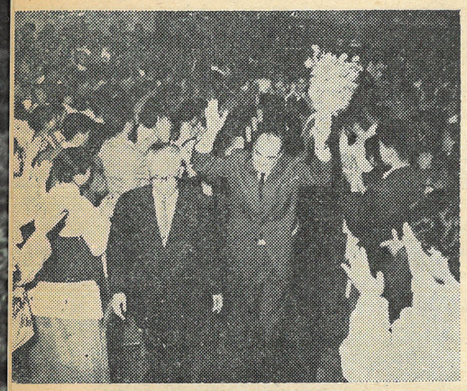
Column of weavers

In the pride of rich harvest

For the Sake of Common Cause

Trade union delegations and delegates from various countries came to Korea to attend the May Day celebrations at the invitation of the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea. They were invited to the welcome meetings held in factories and enterprises in Pyongyang and Hamheung areas.

We give below some excerpts from the speeches made by Chairman of the Central Committee of the GFTUK and by foreign delegates at the meetings.



Kim Wal Ryong, Chairman of the GFTUK Central Committee, addressed a gathering held in honour of the delegation of the WFTU.

He extended thanks to the WFTU for its active support to and solidarity with the Korean people in their Patriotic War of Liberation against the armed invasion by the U.S. imperialists and for its present support to the just struggle of the Korean people who are engaged in the socialist construction of their country, striving to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops out of South Korea and to reunify the country by themselves.

Chairman Kim Wal Ryong said that the Korean working class expressed profound thanks to the world working class for their support to the Korean people.

Denouncing the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam, he said the U.S. imperialists were kicking up war rackets in all parts of the world.

He called upon the anti-imperialist forces of the world to unite and deal a decisive blow to the U.S. imperialists.

Bitossi Renato, leader of the WFTU delegation, said:

"The struggle of the Korean people contributes to the joint struggle of all nations for world peace, national independence, freedom and democracy.

"The WFTU strongly denounces the U.S. imperialists who are introducing a large number of their armed forces and various kinds of modern weapons into South Korea, and supports the struggle of the Korean working class to liberate South Korea and reunify the country by themselves free from outside interference. It supports the demand of the Korean people for the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea."

Stressing that the WFTU will spare no effort to attain the united action of the world working people for the removal of the danger of a new war in Korea, he said that the united action is an important condition for frustrating the aggressive machinations of the imperialists not only in Korea but in all other parts of the world.

Lazare Coulibaly, delegate of the All-African Trade Union Federation, remarked:

"The great achievements in Korea have been made through the devoted struggle of the courageous Korean people who are enjoying the wise guidance of Premier Kim Il Sung who does not compromise with imperialism and is leading the socialist revolution in conformity with the concrete conditions of Korea.

"Invincible are the Korean people guided by Comrade Kim Il Sung, an outstanding Leader. The successes of the Korean people greatly inspire the new-born countries."

Abdelhak, delegate of the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions, remarked:

"The Korean people under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea have won a decisive victory in socialist revolution and socialist construction. This is a good example for many countries to follow.

"Premier Kim Il Sung displayed his genius, patriotism and heroism in the grimmest days of the Korean people under the Japanese imperialist rule. He is called a hero throughout the world, for what he has done is deep and profound. He will remain a live example for the people fighting for independence and liberation."

Nguyen Van Nho, leader of the Vietnamese delegation, hailed:

"The great victory of the Korean people is a victory won under the correct line of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, their respected and beloved Leader. It is a great success made through the industriousness, creative enthusiasm and spirit of self-reliance of the heroic Korean people.

"It does not contribute only to the increase of the might of the socialist camp but also greatly inspires the Vietnamese people." he stressed, and continued:

"The Vietnamese working class and people are filled with a determination to fight to the bitter end to beat U.S. imperialism, defend the North, liberate the South, reunify the fatherland and defend the socialist camp and world peace in response to the call of President Ho Chi Minh for national salvation against U.S. imperialism.

"The Vietnamese and Korean peoples are close comrades-in-arms fighting in the same trench against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, the common enemy. The south Vietnamese workers and people and the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation always enjoy the sincere, powerful and effective support of the Korean working class and people, the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the D.P.R.K. headed by Premier Kim Il Sung in their war of resistance for national salvation against U.S. imperialism. We are deeply moved by the profound feelings of friendship and lofty spirit of revolutionary internationalism of the Korean people."

Usinio Rozas, leader of the Cuban delegation, spoke as follows:

"The peoples of our two countries are happy over the complete identity of views between Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Fidel Castro in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and in the implementation of the revolutionary tasks. The Korean, Cuban and Vietnamese peoples together with other peoples of the world will wipe out U.S. imperialism once and for all."

P.T. Pemenov, leader of the Soviet delegation, said:

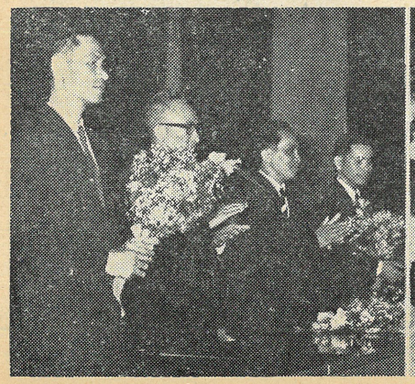
"The Korean people under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea have converted their country into a powerful socialist industrial-agricultural state in a short span of time. The Soviet workers and people rejoice very much over the successes of the Korean people."

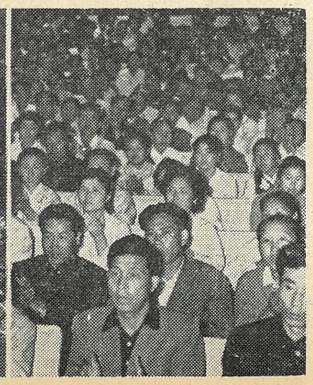
After referring to the friendly relations between the Korean and Soviet peoples, he declared: "The Soviet workers fully support the struggle of the Korean people for driving the U.S. troops out of South Korea and reunifying the country."

Condemning the barbarous military provocations that the U.S. war maniacs are committing along the military demarcation line against

The Cuban trade union delegation at the Museum of Korean Revolution

The delegation of the German trade union





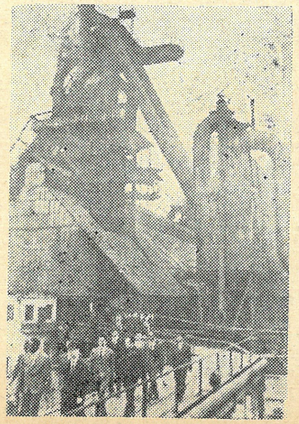
Above—President of the WFTU with bouquet in his hand

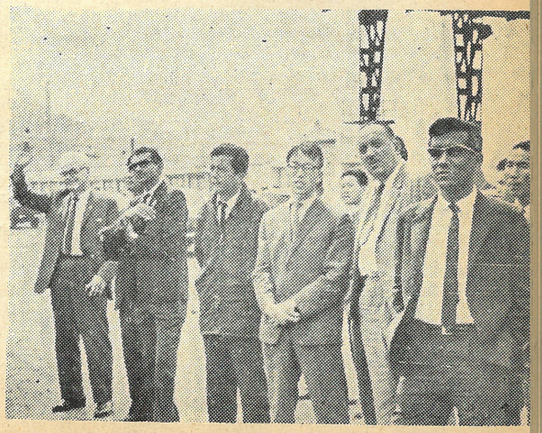
Centre—The delegations of the AATUF and the ICATU on the platform

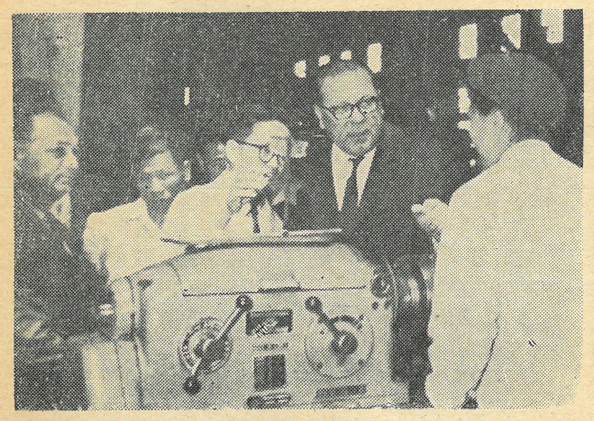
Below—The meeting held in welcome of the Vietnamese guests

Delegate of Chad trade union responding to the welcoming masses

Delegates of Australia, Yemen, Mexico, Uruguay and Aden visiting the Hwanghae Iron Works







The Soviet trade union delegation at the Kiyang Tractor Factory

Japanese construction workers' trade union delegate at the Chollima Daean Electric Appliances Factory

the D.P.R.K., he added: "The U.S. imperialists who are playing the role of international gendarme have deployed a large number of military bases in the territories of other countries, organized military and political alliances, are meddling in internal affairs of other peoples and resorting to high-handed economic pressure, blackmail and aggression.

"We demand U.S. imperialism to stop immediately the bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and evacuate its troops and satellite troops from South Vietnam.

"The struggle for thwarting the U.S. aggression in Vietnam is the most important internationalist duty of the working people and trade unions of all countries."

Zalel Abudul, leader of the Mongolian delegation, stated:

"In the imposing May Day procession in Pyongyang I saw the Korean working class and people dashing in the saddle of Chollima and striving for the strengthening of friendship with the socialist countries and for the solidarity of the world working-class movement.

"The Korean workers and trade union members are fulfilling their tasks without fail and they are determined to liberate South Korea at all costs, taking a rifle in one hand and a sickle or a hammer in the other."

Fuber Laiosh, leader of the Hungarian delegation, said:

"We know of how great is the might with which the D.P.R.K. has risen up. It is the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung which has wrought such a miracle.

"The present international situation calls for further expanding and strengthening the anti-imperialist front. In the struggle against imperialism, the Communist and Workers' Parties should act in unison, the socialist camp should unite and the oppressed peoples and liberated nations in the world should pool their strength. The Vietnam situation demands this."

Udrea Ioan, leader of the Rumanian delegation, said:

"We wish Korea will be reunified at the earliest date. In Vietnam people are shedding blood, mothers and children being murdered and towns and villages destroyed by the imperialists. We cannot overlook this. It is the imperialists' policy to plunder peoples' property everywhere. Let's merge our voices in denouncing imperialism."

Horst Heintze, leader of the German delegation, declared:

"Our friendship with the Korean people and that with other socialist countries is a guarantee for the security of Europe. The cause and the unity of socialist countries are important factors in the elimination of not only the West German imperialism but also Japanese militarism. The wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the unity of the Korean people definitely guarantee the reunification of their country."

Vojtech Daubner, leader of the Czechoslovak delegation, said:

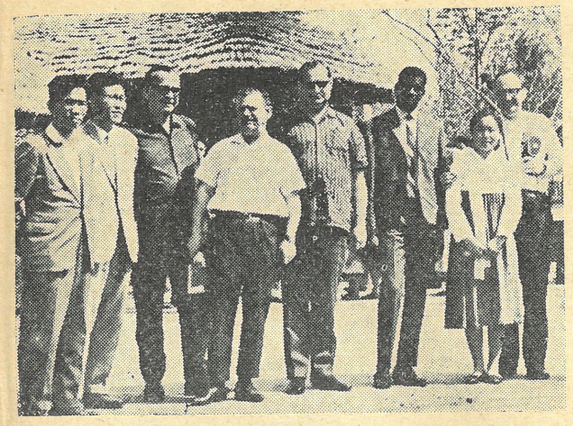
"The Yankees have no reason whatsoever to stay on in Korea. It is illegal for U.S. imperialism to abuse the flag of the United Nations. Korea belongs to the Korean people. Only the Korean people can solve the Korean question and the choice of their system should be decided according to their will."

Roman Polyakevich, leader of the Polish delegation, said:

"We are very pleased with the successes of the Korean people who under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung have converted their once poor, backward country into a developed socialist industrial-agricultural state. The Polish people wish the Korean people will drive the U.S. troops out of South Korea and reunify the country."

Kakuo Honjo, delegate of the Construction Workers' Trade Union of Japan, said:

"The heroic Korean people, displaying the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, have won a brilliant



Czechoslovak, Polish and Mauritanian delegates at the native home of Premier Kim Il Sung

The trade union delegations from Mongolia, Hungary and Rumania

victory in the socialist construction of their country, rarely seen in the history of mankind.

"The Daean system worked out by Premier Kim Il Sung is an excellent example in the management of socialist economy."

Said Khamra, delegate of the Palestinian trade union, said:

"I've seen the milestones on the bright paths shown to the Korean people by Premier Kim Il Sung in the course of the struggle from the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the Patriotic War of Liberation to the establishment of self-supporting national economy and the build-up of modern heavy industry such as seen today."

Abdula Ahmed Ismail, delegate of the Aden Trade Union Congress, commented:

"Korea is a beautiful land and the Koreans are a great people. They must be very happy to have such a wise Leader."

Delegate of the Lebanese Federation of Self-governing Trade Union said:

"During our stay in Korea we have witnessed the great achievements made by the Korean people under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung in socialist construction as well as in sciences and culture and other fields."

El Khamloussy Abdelkader, delegate of the Moroccan Trade Union, said:

"The historic lessons shown by the Korean people in defeating Japanese imperialism and U.S. imperialism are inspiring the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America to their struggle and help stengthen the friendship between them."

E.V. Elliott, delegate of the Australian Seamen's Union, expressed his views:

"I know the Workers' Party of Korea led by Premier Kim Il Sung is educating the people in the spirit of *Juche* in ideology, independency in politics, self-reliance in economy and self-defence in national defence.

"This is a policy which heightens further the spirit of Chollima and promotes further the reunification of Korea. Also, it is a policy which encourages and gives a sense of pride to the people for their achievements. This policy does not strengthen the Korean people alone but also the entire working class of the world."

Delegate of the Colombian Trade Union said:

"The Korean people are united firmly around the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung.

"I've personally witnessed the tremendous socialist construction undertaken by the Korean people who are firmly united around the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung. I've also found that every heart of yours is filled with joy and happiness."

Fortunato Leyva Acosta, delegate of the Mexican Trade Union, stated:

"I assure you again that the entire working people of the Mexican Federation of Workers' and Peasants' Union will stand all the time by you who are fighting for the freedom and reunification of your beloved country, that we'll advance shoulder to shoulder with you in the struggle for the ultimate defeat of Yankee imperialism, our common foe."

Sow Moussa Demba, delegate of the Mauritanian Trade Union, said:

"The working class of Mauritania is supporting the heroic struggle of the brave people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. You are a people who are courageous, industrious and patriotic, a people firmly united. The Yankee imperialists can by no means quench the flame of struggle which has flared up in Korea."

Besides, speeches were also made at different meetings by the delegates from South Vietnam, Laos, Sohyo in Japan, Algeria, United Arab Republic, Syria, France, Italy, Finland, Uruguay, Cyprus, Nigeria, etc.

WFTU Supports the Struggle of the Korean People

Bitossi Renato
Leader of the Delegation of the World Federation of Trade Unions, President of the WFTU, Member of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party and Member of the Italian Upper House

Our delegation is on a visit to Korea at the invitation of the C.C. of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea. We have been passing impressive days since our arrival.

We realize that the three-year Korean war ignited by the U.S. imperialists was very severe and that its ravage was devastating. Now the cities and villages once laid waste by the war have been rebuilt and the socialist construction of the country has been carried out successfully.

However, it was beyond imagination that Korea has developed so rapidly as I witness now.

Pyongyang, the capital with its one million citizens, has been rebuilt magnificently. Streets lined with high buildings, trees and flowers are all beautiful. Pyongyang shows the true spirit of the developing socialist Korea.

Everywhere we witnessed how remarkably the national economy of Korea has developed: Automobiles, electric locomotives, equipment for power stations, various machines and chemicals are being produced by the Koreans with their own efforts and technique.

In a word, this tells us that the working class of Korea has laid a firm foundation for national economy and that they are improving rapidly the people's livelihood on its basis.

In this connection, I was impressed all the more when I saw the May Day mass demonstration. Demonstrators giving a deafenig cheer to the Party and the Leader, the strong organization and discipline of the Korean people, their close rally behind the Party and the Leader, floats symbolizing the great successes made through creative labour, the revolutionary spirit and militant mettle of the workers marching with a gun in one hand and a hammer in the other, and the colourful stream of demonstrators beaming with joy and overbrimming with happiness. Only a happy people could stage such a spectacular show. I could not see it without emotions.

The achievements of the Korean people are attributable to the correct guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung and to the indefatigable struggle of the Korean working class firmly rallied behind the Party and the Leader.

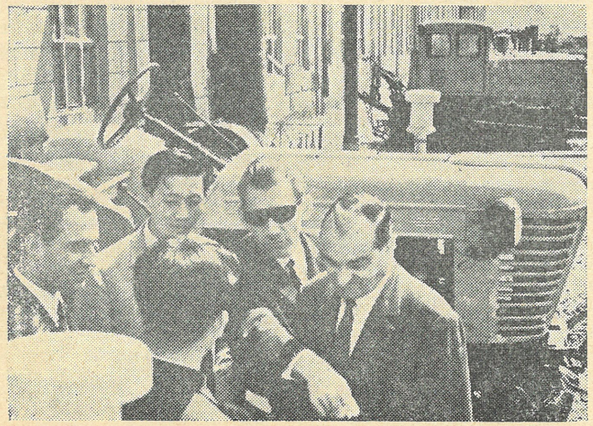
That is why the happy life of the Korean people is unthinkable apart from the sagacious leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung.

Also, I feel the burning aspiration of the Korean people who are determined to liberate South Korea and to reunify their country, smashing all aggressors. Today, the U.S. imperialists are perpetrating reckless provocations along the Military Demarcation Line, but, I am sure, the Korean people struggling to achieve the great cause of reunification under the guidance of Premier Kim Il Sung will emerge victorious.

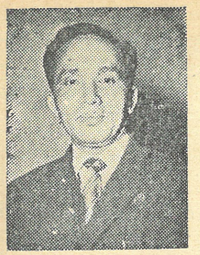
The WFTU will continue to support the great cause of the Korean people as it did in the past. You may be assured that 140 million workers of the world under the WFTU are standing rock-firm by the Korean working class. Proceeding from the mission of the WFTU, we feel duty-bound to give an active support and encouragement to the struggle of the Korean people.

Finally, we wish the Korean working class under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung will have greater successes in the struggle for their cause.

It is a pleasure for me that I have the opportunity of greeting the GFTUK and the Korean working class in the name of the WFTU.



At the Kiyang Tractor Factory



We Are in the Same Trench

Huynh Phan, Leader of the Delegation of the South Vietnam Liberation Trade Union

We heard in Vietnam that your country in the saddle of Chollima had won brilliant successes in socialist construction. We also realized that the fraternal Korean people were giving a wholehearted support and encouragement to the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle of the Vietnamese people, considering it as their own.

However, on our visit to your country, we have realized that what we saw and heard here in Korea far surpassed our anticipation.

Premier Kim Il Sung, beloved Leader of the Korean people, and every Korean whom we met treated us kindly as if we were the soldiers who had just returned home from the front.

Wherever we went the fraternal Korean people received us in the same manner as soon as they knew that we were delegates of the working class and people of South Vietnam.

Your country has many beautiful sceneries. It is adorned more beautifully by the tremendous successes made by the Korean people in all branches—economic, military, cultural and social.

You rose from poverty, backwardness and ruins caused by the war, and you have built in a short space of time a firm foundation for an independent national economy, and now it is in full bloom. Korea has many new cities like Pyongyang, Wonsan and Hamheung with modern factories of high productivity.

There the working class and the entire people work hard, study and lead a happy life in attractive houses. On holidays or when they are free they go to the park, theatre, to the house of culture or children's palace where they pass a pleasant time.

As for the co-op farmers, they live in cozy dwellings erected in the villages. Electric light shines in all its brightness even in the remote mountain-regions. The snorting sound of tractors reverberates over the fields.

The co-op farmers have been freed from the agricultural tax-in-kind, knowing no tax levies at all.

They, like the workers, live in the houses built at the state expense and enjoy free medical treatment. Their children are taught free of charge thanks to the enforcement of the universal 9-year compulsory technical education system.

Splendid successes have been achieved also in the domain of art and literature.

The May Day demonstrations of 300,000 working people in Pyongyang, mass gymnastic show and other art performances which we saw, showed the distinguished talents of the athletes and instructors and the creative power of the artists and producers.

The militant contents of the performances fully reflect the tasks of production. Their forms are varied, beautiful and strongly flavoured with national character.

It seems art is permeated deep among the masses of the people. Its brilliant results drew the admiration of the foreign guests. The successes owe to the fact that you have built a powerful self-supporting national economy and achieved the ideological and political unity of the entire people under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by your beloved Leader Premier Kim Il Sung.

The peoples of our two countries should be proud of such successes which amazed all the foreign guests.

The U.S. imperialists who are occupying the territory of Korea south of the Military Demarcation Line and their stooges Pak Jung Hi clique feel very uneasy about the revolutionary achievements made by the fraternal Korean people. It is because your success has a great influence on the South Korean people who are languishing under the jackboots of the American imperialists.

It is precisely for the same reason that in recent days they are keeping up provocative acts along the Military Demarcation Line. Meanwhile they oppress cruelly the people in South Korea while appeasing and deceiving them as well.

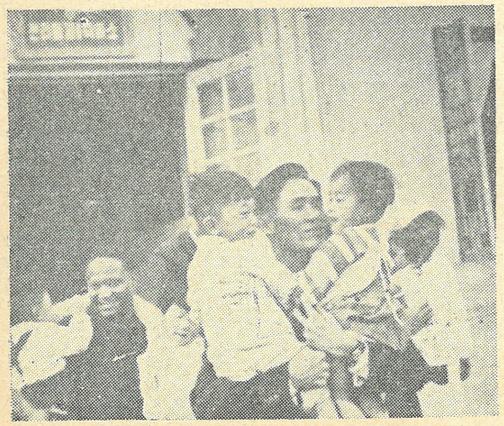
However, the aggressive machinations of the U.S. imperialists and their hirelings will surely end in shameful failure. You are not only ready to cope with any emergencies but are making full preparations to meet in a positive way the reunification of the country which will be a great revolutionary event.

We saw with our own eyes how you are determined to defend your motherland and to reunify it through the arming of all the people while stepping up the building of national defence.

Everyone, irrespective of worker, peasant, intellectual, youth and student has been prepared ideologically and is active in military training while carrying on production and study.

The people have been armed to the hilt with anti-U.S. spirit. Should the U.S. imperialists unleash a war

At the nursery of Joyang Co-op Farm



Korea Marches On

Yoshiaki Jinbo, Member of the National Organizing Committee of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan

I am one of the labour movement workers. First of all, I would like to confess that my power of expression and style are far inferior to such professional writers as columnists, journalists, etc. Therefore, I am very sorry that I cannot express even one tenth or even one hundredth of what I have seen and felt in Korea.

At the airport we were warmly welcomed by children and our party was escorted to the city. First of all, we were struck by the well-trimmed orchards and the paddies ready to have rice seedlings transplanted. We entered the city driving along paved streets lined with trees. I saw houses shaded with leafy plants, apartment houses built for workers standing in rows on both sides of the broad avenues, recreation grounds, parks, gardens with flowers rioting in diverse colours. It is, indeed, a city designed for the greatest benefit of the workers.

The ground floors of the apartment buildings are occupied by stores or barber shops. It is something that one can hardly imagine. What a great difference! Suffice it to compare it with Tokyo suffering from perennial house shortage and traffic jam.

May Day Celebration

The weather cleared after the rain which had continued till late hour on the previous day. Mist hovered in the air in the early morning, but it dispersed and the day became bright from 8 a. m.

I shook hand with Premier Kim Il Sung and the leaders of the Workers' Party of Korea and government. The handshaking was warm with friendly feeling.

At 9 a. m. I got to the place where the May Day celebration took place. The square was literally a vast sea of flowers.

As soon as Premier Kim Il Sung appeared on the rostrum, all the things in the sguare turned into waves with shouts of Manse (hurrah). Such a spectacle can never be imagined in any May Day rally in Japan.

At last the procession started. Here I refrain myself from saying too much about it because it has been reported in many ways and in better ways than I can possibly manage to tell.

The endless stream of procession clearly spoke of the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung and of the unity of the people. The floats and gymnastics shown in the procession demonstrated eloquently the successes gained through the policy that emphasizes the close relationship between the politics and the people.

There was a scene that particularly impressed me. It was a column of students displaying their wholehearted gratitude to Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea for the enforcement of the universal nine-year compulsory technical education. The children growing without frustration, the education whic makes it possible to display in full their talents, an

against the northern part of Korea, the entire Korean people will drive them into an abyss with such a powerful force as the waterfall I have seen in Mt. Keumgang.

What is most impressive to us is that the Korean people are not only discharging well their national duties but are also faithful to their internationalist obligations.

This is fully borne out by the fact that many delegations from various countries visited Pyongyang for the May Day celebration and by the statements issued jointly by the GFTUK and other delegations.

You are extending special support and encouragement to the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle of the Vietnamese people. You have exposed and condemned solemnly in good time the war escalation of the Johnson clique and their "peace talk" farce.

Even during our stay here, mass rallies have been held successively in support of the Vietnamese people in various parts of Korea. Wherever we went, we were able to see how the Korean friends were filled with a resolve to go to Vietnam as volunteers and to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism.

We saw in various places slogans supporting Vietnam and workteams called after Nguyen Van Troi. These moved us very much and made us feel more confident in our victory.

The militant, friendly relationship finds an expression in our deeds. It is cherished deep in the hearts of the peoples of our two countries, which cannot be described to the full with words spoken or written.

Dear brothers!

Leaving your country we express our deep regret at our parting. We are now leaving you for a time, but our hearts are close with each other. We are comrades-in-arms in the same trench against the Yankee imperialists. We are friends and brothers with a common purpose and aspirations.

The beautiful Korea and your great hospitality will live forever in our hearts.

On our return home, as we promised Premier Kim Il Sung, we will work and fight with redoubled efforts together with the people and Liberation Army of South Vietnam to drive the Yankee imperialists and their stooges out of South Vietnam and to win greater victories so as to repay the active support and encouragement given us by the fraternal Workers' Party of Korea and the Government and people of Korea.

Expressing again our thanks and militant greetings to you, we wish you greater successes in your cause of socialist construction and reunification of your motherland.

education that can be had on equal footing without worry. Such things are possible only under a socialist system, I was definitely convinced.

The procession filed off in front of us for two and a half hours without interruption. It was a marvel that made us forget even the flow of time.

A Visit to the Pyongyang Electric Locomotive Factory

Railway is a major industry in all countries. A well-equipped netwok of railway promises a country a bright future and progress.

What impressed us was the fact that every workshop we visited was well equipped and that the machines used there were all made at home. Let alone machines, the cranes too were made in this country. No matter which installation, it was either worked out in this factory or manufactured in another factory in the country. As for Japan, in many cases, she imports machines through the so-called import of technique, and the industry is developed on this basis.

At first, I saw Korea with such a view in mind. I presumed that the industry was developing on the basis of some big and complicated machines imported from abroad. Met with the real situation, I found myself utterly wrong.

I saw the real aspect of Korea advancing under the slogan of self-reliance: the unity of the Korean workers rallied as one behind the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung, their undaunted spirit which made them overcome all obstacles, the factories sprung from the ruins and equipped remarkably in such a fast tempo.... The powerful progress of the Korean workers has been witnessed by us at last.

We saw the interior of an electric locomotive almost finished. No doubt, such cars will be produced continually, and so, I guess that soon the day will come when they will run all along the railway lines in the ccuntry for the benefit of the people.

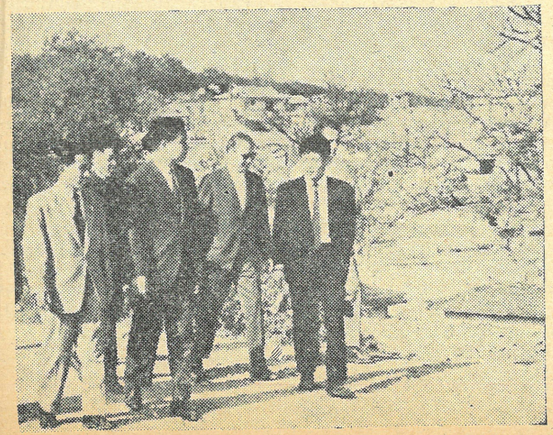
Also, I came across many cultural and welfare services and schools in the factories I had visited. They made me aware again of the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea.

Korea—Paradise of Children

On my visit to Korea, I am particularly impressed by the fact that this country is a paradise for children.

I went to the Youth Park in Pyongyang on May 2.

Foreign guests at the Hwasong Co-op Farm



The place was in a bustle with people enjoying the holiday. In Japan it is very difficult to raise more than three children. It is impossible unless both the father and mother earn their living. With four children they would be sunk in a quandary.

However, in Korea children are using amusement amenities free of charge. Revolving airplane and all other instruments are at their disposal with no charge at all. If I entertain three children for a day in a recreation ground in Japan, the riding of revolving airplane alone would cost me thousands of yen. And that costs nothing here.

It happened when we called at a co-op farm located in the suburbs of Pyongyang. After having necessary information, we took a look at the various facilities in the farm. At the nursery I saw dry-nurses taking care of kids ranging from two to three years of age. I was told that every six children had a nurse. The kids come to the nursery accompanied by their mother and go througn a physical examination first. Incidentally, I dropped in the examination room. It was well equipped.

In Japan to send a child to such a nursery requires all the money earned by its mother, taking into account that both the husband and wife are working.

Here the children are accustomed to collective life. A kid hugged by a German delegate smiled in a cute manner.

After the nursery the children are transferred to the kindergarten. The kindergarten here does not differ much from that in Japan, yet here it is free of charge. Contrary to the case in Japan here schooling from primary to middle school, high school and college does not cost even a single penny to the parents. Even stipend is granted to college and higher technical school students.

We went to see the Students' and Children's Hall in Kaesong and the Songdowon Pioneers' Camp in Wonsan. Many kinds of extra-curricular activities are organized for the development of the talents of the children. Sports, music, biology, history, etc. are all embraced in these activities. Children participate in various circles to their liking. They enjoy to their hearts' content, getting necessary assistance.

I found that Songdowon Pioneers' Camp had all amenities necessary for pioneers' camping life. I thought, perhaps, the spirit of collective life stems from this kind of life. All these things have impelled me to believe that the Korean children are very happy.

Light and Darkness

At nine in the morning the delegation left Kaesong for Panmunjom. I felt rather nervous to a certain extent, perhaps, because we were on the front line.

Before stepping into the Demilitarized Zone we were given necessary information on Panmunjom. Thus briefed, we proceeded to the Demilitarized Zone, the place where the Armistice had been signed. On each of our cars was a Korean People's Army-man who was ready to deal with any eventuality in our behalf.

On our way we passed by a post of U.S. military police. Right after this post we noticed the so far well-trimmed paddies ended abruptly and from thence unfolded an expanse of wasteland. In the past there were good paddy-fields around here, but now we were greeted by this pitiful sight.

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Peoples United in Common Struggle

Xom Lat, Leader of the Delegation of the Laotian Committee of Trade Union Founding Movement under the Neo Lao Haksat

Our visit to Korea draws to a close. Two weeks have fleeted away, although it seems that we arrived in Korea just yesterday. We are very pleased to have taken part in the big colourful celebrations held by the Korean working people on the holiday of the world working class.

In Korea we saw the people united firmly around their Party and their beloved Leader, the people who have a firm conviction in their future.

The strong unity and steadfast faith is a source of their powerful force that helped them win victories in economic construction as well as in the war against U.S. imperialism. This inexhaustible force will also help them annihilate completely the Yankee imperialists on the soil of Korea in the days to come.

We visited many places in Korea. The successes that the Korean people have made in socialist construction are really enormous.

In a short period after the war they have turned the once backward and poor country into a prosperous one with developed industry and agriculture and powerful national defence as we see it today thanks to their creative wisdom, to their spirit of self-reliance and Chollima.

We saw large-scale central industrial factories alongside small- and medium-scale local industrial factories standing in a spectacular manner in various parts of Korea. Electricity has found its way to all villages and machines are working on the fields in place of man. The life of the Korean people is truly happy. Whenever we look at the developed Korea and the blissful life of the Korean people we picture in our mind the future of Laos.

In the future we Laotian people will chase the Yankee imperialists out of our land and achieve full independence. Then we will build a self-supporting national economy, in the spirit of independency as the Korean people have done.

The tremendous successes of the Korean people clearly substantiate the correctness of the line of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung on pushing ahead with economic construction in parallel with the build-up of the national defence.

The Korean people are at present fighting resolutely against the U.S. aggressors in order to realize the reunification of the motherland, their long-cherished aspiration.

Everywhere we went in Korea, we found that the feelings of all the people were poured on their South Korean compatriots and that all people were doing their best to carry out their quotas under the slogan: "Let's meet in a positive way the great event of revolution—the reunification of the motherland!"

The Korean people have already demonstrated before the oppressed peoples of the whole world their resolute fighting spirit in opposing U.S. imperialism. Today all of them are armed under the motto: "Each man against a hundred foes!"

Revolutionary are the slogans put up and realized by the Korean people. Laos is a small country, but our people will continue to fight resolutely against American imperialism and will certainly emerge victorious in this struggle.

The peoples of Laos and Korea are linked up closely in the common struggle against U.S. imperialism. Through our present visit to Korea we have known that the Korean people are paying much attention to the anti-U.S. struggle of the Laotian people, supporting it in an active way. The Korean people told us in unison that they regarded the struggle of the Laotian people as their own.

During our stay in Korea we had an opportunity to be received by President Choi Yong Kun. The President clarified to us the stand of the Workers' Party of Korea and expressed the sentiments of the Korean people. With kind words he assured us that the struggle of the Laotian people was being supported actively in Korea. This statement is an immense inspiration to the struggle of the Laotian people.

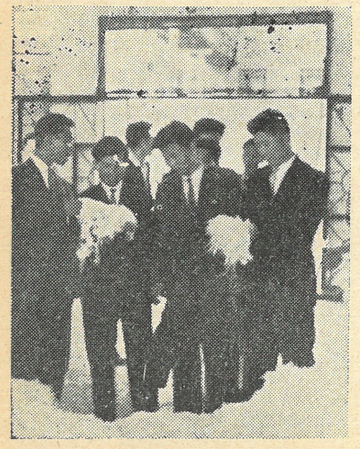
The people of Laos express the most sincere thanks to Premier Kim Il Sung, to the Workers' Party of Korea, to the Government and people of Korea for their strong and ardent support and encouragement given to Laos.

We are convinced that the Korean people will without fail wipe out the Yankees, liberate South Korea and achieve the reunification of the country because they have the correct leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea, such an outstanding leader as Premier Kim Il Sung, the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese guerrillas organized and led by him and because they have the experience of victory over U.S. imperialism in the great Patriotic War of Liberation.

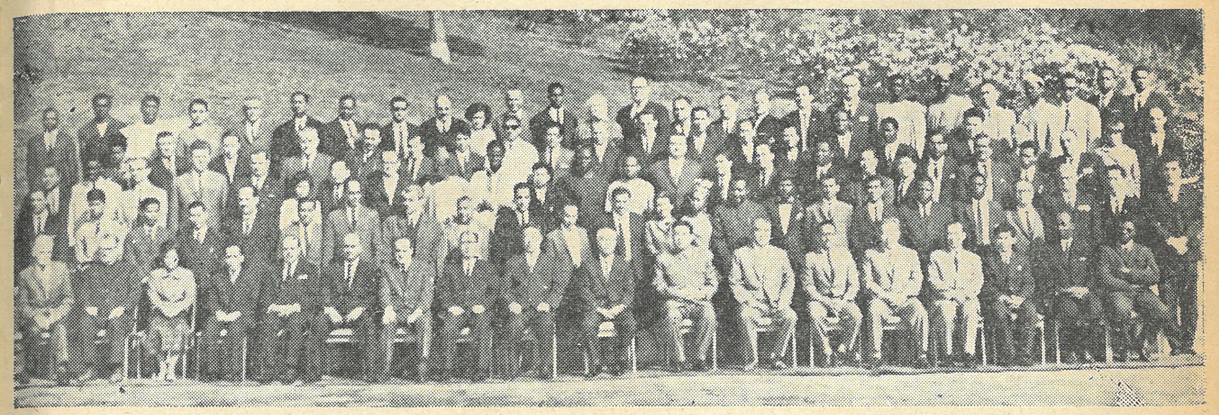
We would like to convey the firm and militant greetings of the Laotian people to the citizens in Pyongyang and the entire Korean people.

Long live the friendship and unity between the peoples of Laos and Korea!

Laotian delegates at the Bongung February 8 Vinalon Factory



Premier Kim Il Sung Receives Foreign Guests



Premier Kim Il Sung received on May 1 foreign guests and posed for a photograph with them

Premier **KIM IL SUNG** received the 80 foreign delegations and delegates on visit to Korea on May 1.

Present at the reception were Comrades **Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Kim Gwang Hyop** and **Pak Sung Chul.**

The Premier welcomed the visit of the foreign friends to Korea and expressed joy over celebrating May Day together with them. On May Day which demonstrates the international solidarity of the working people of the world he extended militant greetings to the peoples of the fighting countries.

The foreign guests expressed their joy over celebrating May Day in Korea together with the heroic Korean people and wished Premier Kim Il Sung a good health and long life.

The Premier posed for a photograph with the guests.

Present at the reception were:

Delegate of the Japanese Communist Party **Ichiro Sunama,** alternate member of the Presidium of the Party Central Committee;

Major **Elias Manuitt,** Chairman of the Venezuelan National Liberation Front;

Gabriel Sallasar, political member and member of the Secretariat of the Guatemalan Workers' Party, and member of the National Leadership of the Uprising Armed Forces;

the friendship delegation of the Somali Government led by **Jusuf Aden Boukah,** Minister of Information;

General **Ismail Mustafa,** Minister of Communications of Iraq and **Abdul Wadood El-Shckhly,** Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry of Iraq;

the delegation of the Guinean Government led by **Bangoura Mohamed Kasory,** Director of the General Economic Cooperation Bureau of the Foreign Ministry;

the government delegation of the Burundi Republic led by **Magete Geneon,** Director of the Information Department of the Presidential Secretariat;

the Congolese (B) delegation led by **Gabriel Obongui,** member of the Political Bureau of the National Revolutionary Movement;

the friendship delegation of Zambia consisting of **Musa Hamisi Baluku,** Political Assistant to Minister of State in the central province of Zambia, and **C.M. Mnero,** General Secretary of Mining Workers' Trade Union;

Iat Bountheng, General Secretary of the Foreign Ministry of Cambodia;

Tedjini Ruider, Chief of the Secretariat of the Foreign Ministry of Algeria;

Zakaria El Adli Imam, Ambassador of the United Arab Republic to China;

Hosea Josias Soko, Zambian Ambassador to the Soviet Union;

August Mboe, Ambassador of Central Africa to the Soviet Union;

the delegation of the World Federation of Trade Unions led by **Bitossi Renato,** its president, member of the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party and member of the Italian Upper House;

Murisi Saad El Dim, delegate of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization;

Bernardo Adaya, representative of the Executive Secretariat of the Organization of Solidarity with Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America;

delegate of the World Federation of Democratic Youth **Le Gal,** its General Secretary;

delegate of the All-African Trade Union Federation **Lazare Coulibaly,** its General Auditor, member of the Political Bureau of the Sudanese Union Party and Deputy General Secretary of the Mali Trade Unions;

delegate of the World Peace Council **Isabelie Blume,** Chairman of its Mediation Committee;

the delegation of the International Union of Students consisting of its Vice-Chairmen **Carols** and **Aw;**

Kim Il Sung Is the Red Sun

From north Korea rises a great red sun
The great red sun is Kim Il Sung,
Its rays spread on all oppressed peoples,
Keeping them alive is Kim Il Sung's thoughts.

The red big sun is not for Korea alone,
Neither its rays for Koreans alone,
It is a red beacon for the oppressed
In Africa, Latin America and Asia.

The spark that kindled the Korean revolution,
Now sets the oppressed areas ablaze,
Now it filled the oppressed world,
His thought radiates through.

Happiness to the working peoples it brings,
I have for eager years longed for Kim,
Though distance is my undoing,
My feelings travel far.

How I long for thine affections,
Now I wish to seat at thy feet,
To drink the spring water of 9-Dragon Fall
of thy thoughts,
A little sage of thy disciple to become.

Thy thoughts are sagacious, thy work gigantic,
Kim, great giant of the revolution,
Thou shattered in '45 Japanese militarism,
In '53 cowed American imperialism.

The spring is here and season begins,
Irrigation canals flow with water
O thou autumn come quickly, fruits of labour bring,
With joy and happiness unity of Korea celebrate.

Let me therefore to thy bosom fly,
To feel the rays of the red sun,
Which is thy thoughts and deeds,
To Nigeria that I may return.

To proclaim the truth of thy fortress,
The truth of thy fight and struggles
For unity, liberty and independence of Korea,
That I in the struggles engage for Nigeria workers.

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delegate of the Women's International Democratic Federation Mme. **Narcelle Corsawant,** its council member and General Secretary of the Swiss Women's Union for Peace and Progress;

delegate of the International Organization of Journalists **Marco Lulio Rodriguez,** its Secretary;

Abdelhak, Deputy Secretary of the External Affairs Department of the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions;

Oscar Cabrera, Uruguayan delegate to the Organizing Committee for the Conference of the Latin American People's Solidarity;

Muhamed Abdula Muhamed Hubeshi, Assistant General Secretary of the Front for the Liberation of the Occupied South Yemen;

delegate of the Mozambique Liberation Front **Pascoal Mocumbi,** member of its Central Committee;

the delegation of the African Independence Party of the Portuguese Guinea and Cape Verde Islands led by **Vasco Cabral,** member of its Central Committee;

Paulo Jorge, delegate of the Angolan People's Liberation Movement;

delegate of Zimbabwe **Edward F. Ndlovu,** Deputy Secretary in charge of the National Affairs of the African People's Union of Zimbabwe;

the Soviet Trade Union delegation led by **P.T. Pemenov,** Secretary of the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions;

the Vietnamese trade union delegation led by **Nguyen Van Nho,** member of the Executive Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions and Chairman of the Viet Bac Autonomous District Trade Union Committee;

the delegation of the Vietnam Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity led by **Hoang Bac,** its Assistant General Secretary;

the delegation of the Central Union of Workers of Cuba led by **Usinio Rozas,** its executive bureau member and Auditing Secretary and member of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party;

the delegation of the South Vietnam Liberation Trade

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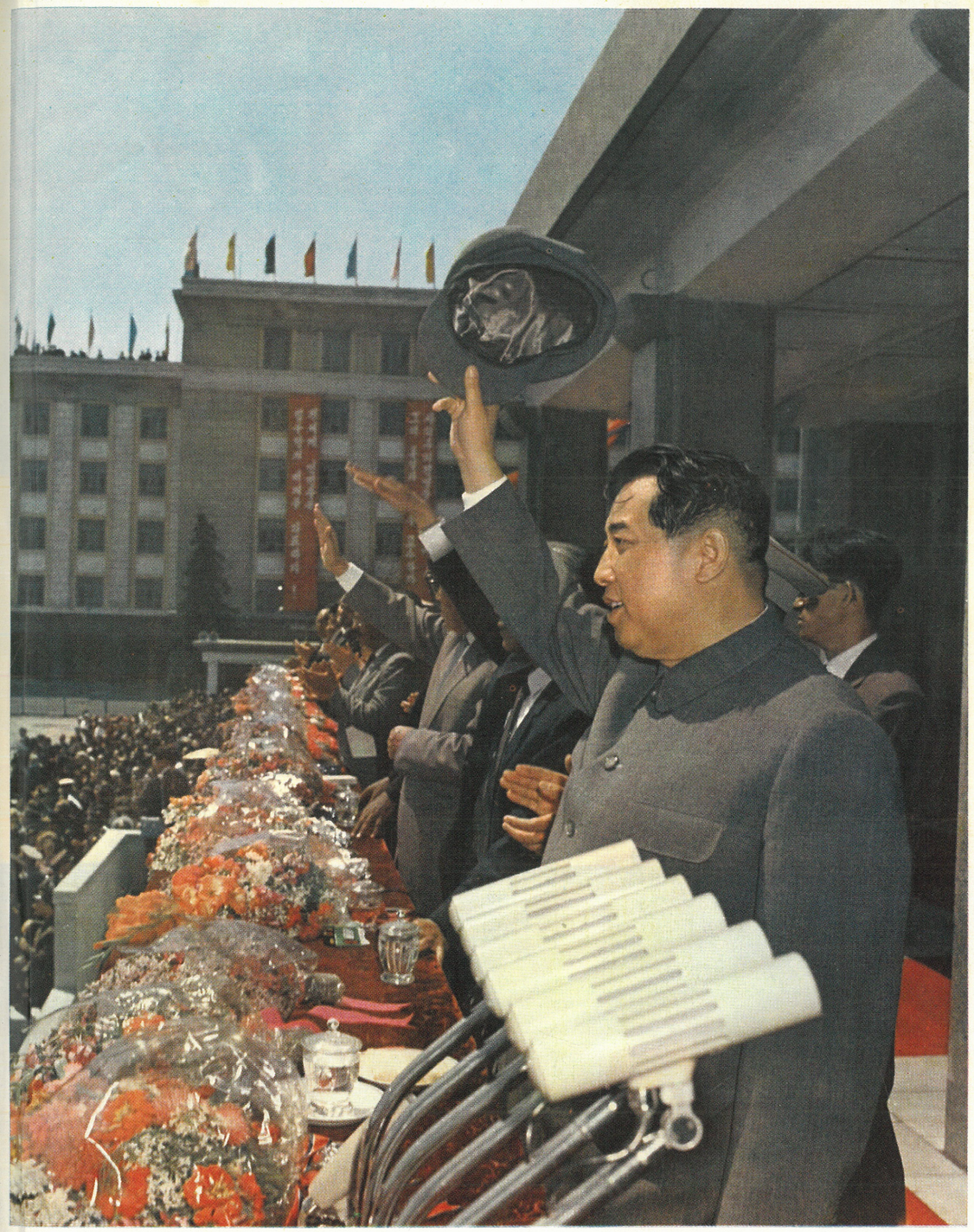
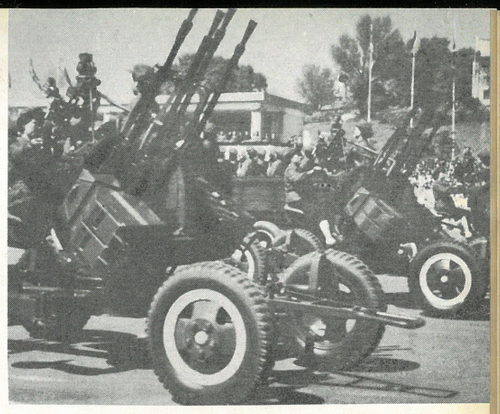


Comrade Kim Il Sung responding to the applause of the masses

The flame of the revolution kindled by the anti-Japanese guerrillas who fought for the restoration of the motherland and liberation of the people for 15 long years is still flaring up in the hearts of our people

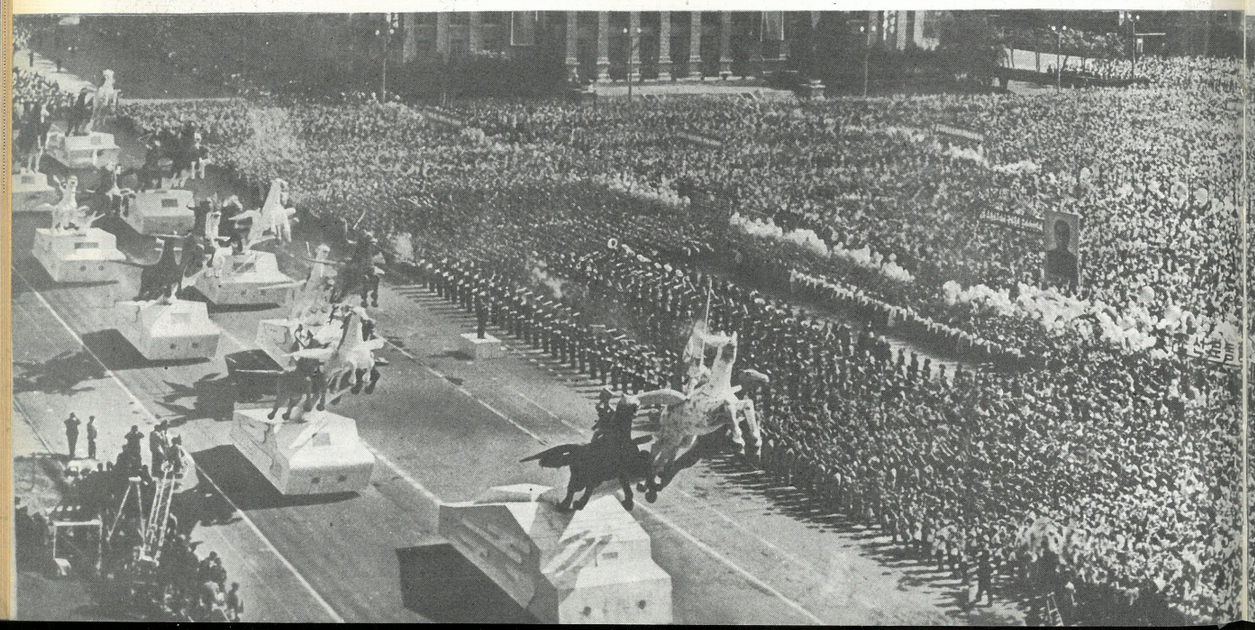
U.S. aggressors should not forget the bitter cup they had on Height 1,211 during the past Korean war. Should they ignite again a war on this land we will make a clean sweep of them

Parade of the Red Worker-Peasant Militia who are resolved to defend with their lives the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung



AA unit composed of women. As pace-setters in labour they have trained themselves into crack-shots to shoot down enemy air pirates at any time

Chollimas galloping into the blue sky with their manes erected and their hooves kicking back... 300,000 people overflowing the square... This is a panoramic view of the mass rally of our heroic people who have come out to implement the decisions of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea



1 Fighting Vietnam, Korea stands by your side! We are making full preparations to fight together with you whenever you request

2 Let's support Cuban people's struggle against Yankee aggressors!

3 Demonstrators are in procession with the slogan: "Down with U.S. imperialism in every nook of the world!"

"Leader, we wish you a long life!"

Mass Gymnastic Display

"Revolutionary Era"

The mass gymnastic display "Revolutionary Era" was performed on May 2 by 45,000 children, youth and students in celebration of May Day in Moranbong Stadium in Pyongyang.

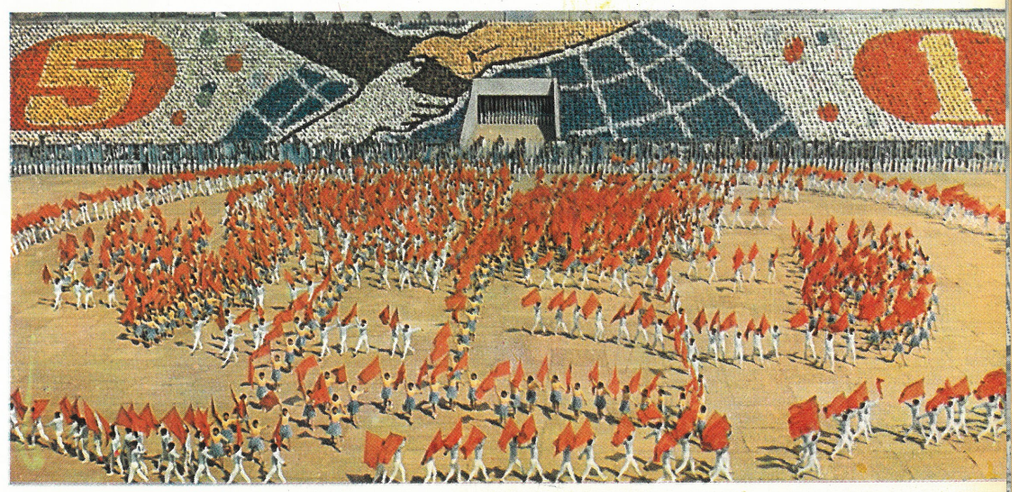
Appearing on the background were scenes showing that the present age is an era of struggle, an era of revolutionary storm, in which imperialism is collapsing and socialism-communism is triumphing. Then a scene showing the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle in the 1930's appeared.

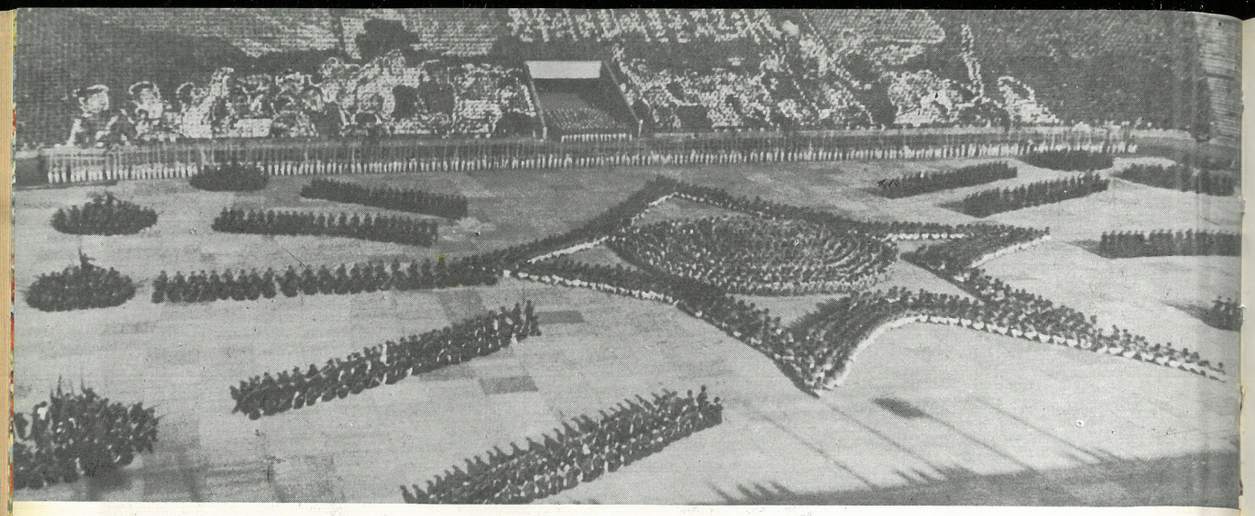
It demonstrated the militant spirit of our people who have inherited the revolutionary tradition established in the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle and are today bringing about a new revolutionary upswing in economic construction and defence build-up to meet the approaching great revolutionary event with full preparedness, upholding the resolution of the historic Party Conference held last year.

With the appearance on the background of the words: "Let us defend with our lives the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung," the performers on the ground demonstrated the vim and vigour of our youth who are always prepared for labour and national defence.

With the inscription "Enemy, don't forget the lesson of history!" on the background the perform-

The flame of revolution flares up all over the world



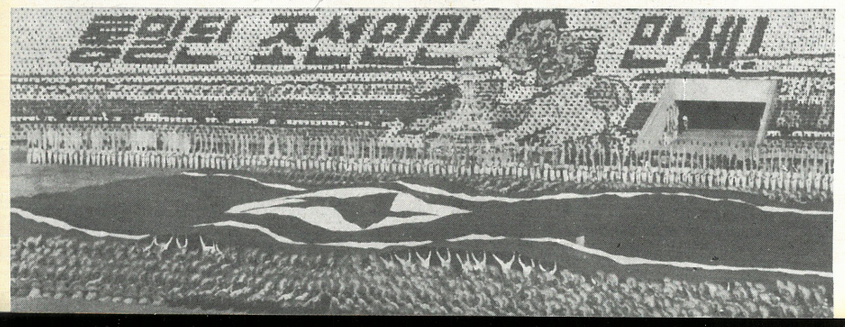


ers on the ground presented the reliable traits of our ever-victorious People's Army and Red Worker-Peasant Militia who are fully prepared to win the nation-wide victory of our revolution by wiping out the U.S. imperialists at one blow, liberating the southern half of the country and achieving the reunification of the country at any time they are ordered.

The performers who were expressing with gymnastics militant solidarity with the peoples of Asian, African and Latin American countries fighting under the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-colonial struggle, formed a big shape of flaring torch calling for the unity of the revolutionary forces of the whole world and the cohesion of the socialist camp.

Then the words "Let us liberate South Korea!" were spelt out on the background. Young students on the ground showed the struggle of the South Korean people with torch gymnastics, reflecting the ardent desire of the entire Korean people for the reunification of the country.

A scene showing the resolve of our people to realize the Party line on pushing ahead with economic construction in parallel with defence build-up



The ground is brimming over with the burning desire of our people to reunify the motherland under the banner of the D.P.R.K.

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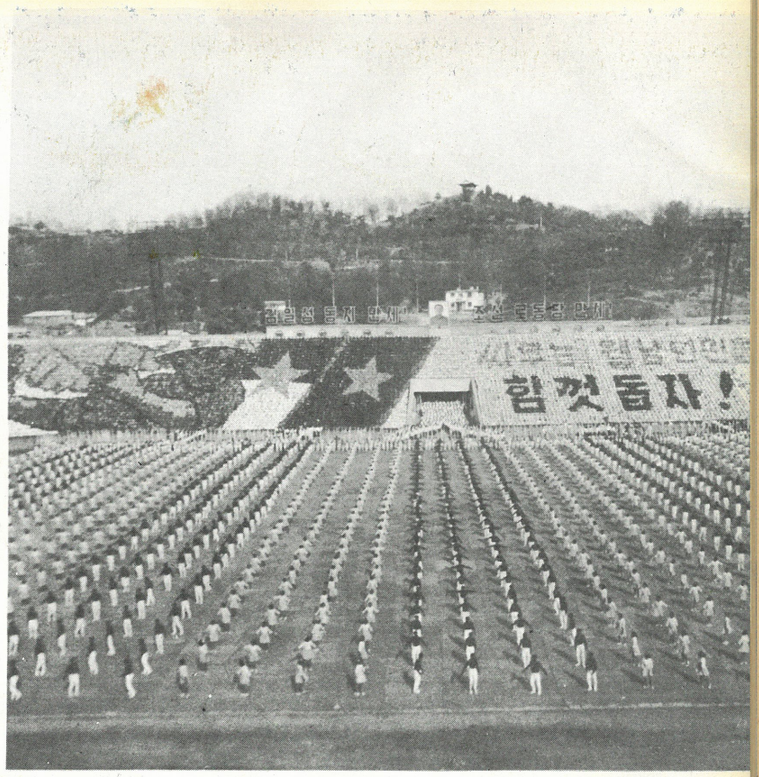
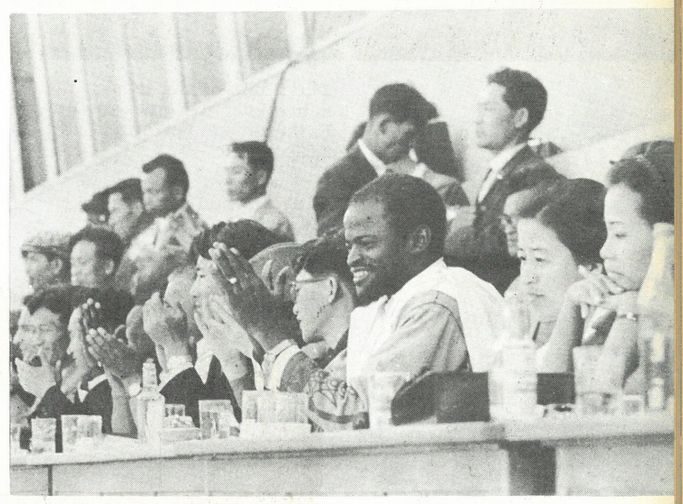
On June 4, 1937 when Korea was under the colonial rule of Japanese imperialism, Comrade Kim Il Sung led his troops and attacked the town of Bochonbo, a stronghold in the border area in the north. He instilled confidence in victory into the minds of the Korean people



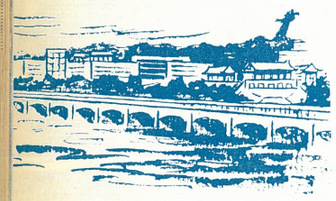
Background letters: "Let us assist the fighting Vietnamese people with all our might!"



Foreign guests enjoying the mass gymnastics

"Welcome to distinguished guests!"

The finale of the music and dance epic "Glorious Is Our Fatherland" performed by 3,000 people



A night view of Pyongyang on the holiday

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Unions led by **Huynh Phan,** member of its Central-Centre Executive Committee and member of the Central-Centre Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation;

the delegation of the Laotian Committee of Trade Union Founding Movement under the Neo Lao Haksat led by **Xom Lat,** member of the Committee;

the delegation of the Free German Trade Unions led by **Horst Heintze,** permanent member and Secretary of its Central Committee and member of the Central Committee of the German Socialist Unity Party;

Rumanian trade union delegation led by **Udrea Ioan,** member of the Central Council of Trade Unions and Chairman of its Kuruz Provincial Council;

the Mongolian trade union delegation led by **Zalel Abudul,** member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of Mongolian Trade Unions and Chairman of the Ulan Bator City Council of Trade Unions;

the Polish trade union delegation led by **Roman Polyakevich,** member of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of Polish Trade Unions and Chairman of the Central Committee of the Commercial and Cooperative Workers' Trade Union;

the Hungarian trade union delegation led by **Fuber Laiosh,** Chairman of the Central Committee of the Government Workers' Trade Union;

Czechoslovak trade union delegation led by **Vojtech Daubner,** Vice-Chairman of the Central Council of the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement, Chairman of the Central Council of the Slovak Revolutionary Trade Union Movement and member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Slovak Communist Party;

the delegation of the Ceylon-Korea Friendship Society led by **R.D. Bandaranaike,** member of the Ceylonese Parliament;

the delegation of the French Confederation of Labour led by **Benoit Frachon,** its Secretary General, member of the Political Bureau of the French Communist Party and Vice-Chairman of the World Federation of Trade Unions;

delegate of the Construction Workers' Trade Union of Japan **Kakuo Honjo,** Chairman of the All-Japan Trade Union under the Ministry of Construction;

the delegation of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan led by **Yoshiaki Jinbo,** member of its national organising committee;

delegate of the Nigerian Forestry and Tangua Plantation Association **Ize Aye-Omoregie,** Secretary of its Central Executive Council and Chairman of the Nigeria-Korea Friendship Society;

the Tanzanian delegation led by **Frederick Rutaya-mirwa,** Chief Political Instructor of the National Service Corps and member of the Central Committee of the African National Union of Tanzania;

the delegation of the Cambodian Socialist Youth League led by **Keo Ann,** member of the "Anti-Government" in charge of National Education under the People's Socialist Community and Director of the Law Faculty of Cambodian University;

the delegation of the Mali Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity led by **Bougari Sako,** its Vice-Chairman;

delegate of the National Working People's Union of Chad **Robert Gorallah,** its Secretary General;

the delegation of the Italian Confederation of Labour led by **Luigi, Nicosia,** its Assistant Secretary;

the delegate of the Federation of the Unions of Palestine Workers **Said Khamra,** its Assistant General Secretary;

delegate of the Syrian Federation of Trade Unions **Abdul Jawad Hamoud Al Jassem,** its council member and Vice-Chairman of the Oil Workers' Trade Union;

delegate of the Algerian General Union of Workers **Ahmed Ben Mengouda,** Organising Secretary of the Constantine Provincial Workers' Union;

the delegation of the Federation of Labour of the United Arab Republic led by **Mahmoud Mowafi,** Vice-President of the General Trade Union of Mines, Quarrying, Petroleum and Chemical Workers;

delegate of the Pan-Cyprian Federation of Labour **Diomides Hj Christou,** member of its General Council;

Sow Moussa Demba, member of the National Bureau of the Union of Workers of Mauritania and General Secretary of the Health Section of its Nouakchott Committee;

delegate of the Aden Trade Union Congress **Abdula Ahmed Ismail,** its General Auditor;

delegate of the Uruguayan Workers' Centre **Milton Montemar,** member of its Central Committee and General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Coal and Chemical Workers' Trade Union;

delegate of the Seamen's Union of Australia **E.V. Elliott,** its Federal Secretary;

delegate of the Finish Construction Workers' Trade Union **Pennanen Vilye,** its First Vice-Chairman;

delegate of the Mexican Federation of Workers and Peasants Unions **Fortunato Leyva Acosta,** Secretary of the North Sinaloa Committee of the Federation;

delegate of the Guiana Agricultural Workers' Union **Mari Muatoo,** its Vice-Chairman;

delegate of Lebanese Federation of Self-Governing Trade Unions;

delegate of the Moroccan Federation of Labour **El Khamloussy Abdelkader,** General Secretary of the Social Security Trade Union;

delegate of the Federation of the Independence Trade Union of Colombia;

Australian journalist-writer **Wilfred Burchett;**

Otini Kambona, chief editor of Tanzanian weekly "Ulimwengu";

Le Tu Vinh, reporter of the Vietnam News Agency;

Ahmed Toughan, journalist of "Al Gumhuriya," organ of the UAR Government;

Corlos Torre Flores, European correspondent of the Peruvian "Revista De Latina America";

Marta Solis, Havana correspondent of Mexican "Siempre";

and other delegations and delegates.

A Land beyond Imagination

Benoit Frachon, Leader of the CGT Delegation, President of the CGT, Member of the Political Bureau of the French Communist Party and Vice-President of the WFTU

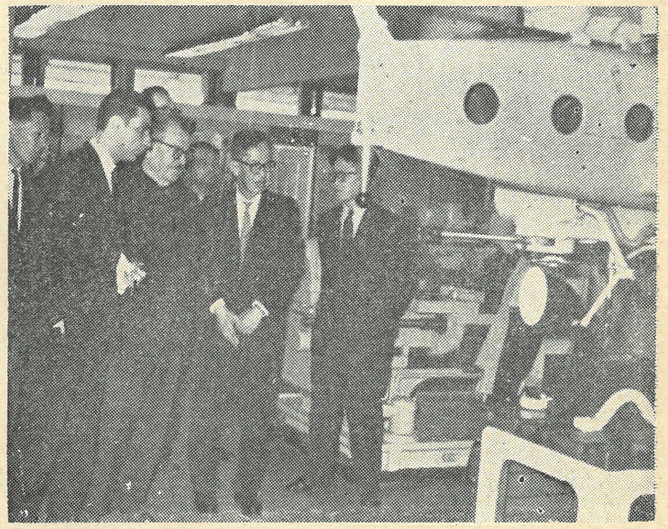
I called for the first time at the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Through magazines, newspapers and the delegates who had ever visited Korea I have been aware of the heroic struggle waged by the Korean people against the American imperialists who provoked an aggressive war, and of the criminal acts and destruction perpetrated by the banditti of the twentieth century. I have been also informed of the enthusiasm and will with which the Korean people were all out to heal the war-wounds and rebuild their country as well as their economy on a wider and firmer foundation under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea. Therefore, I could expect to see big achievements in Korea.

As soon as I arrived in Pyongyang wonderful things kept catching my eyes. It happened when I visited the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition Hall. In the machine tool section of the hall I found a number of machines made with up-to-date technique. Presently, an idea struck me. I wanted to visit the factory producing such machines and to have a talk with their designers and producers. My hope came true. I was given an opportunity to visit a fertilizer plant equipped with the latest technique, with every process of its production automated, and other machine-building factories.

Korea was fettered by Japanese imperialism as well as feudal remnants up to the second world war. Despite of this, her industry is now going over to a large-scale industry, with 4,000, 6,000 or 10,000 workers concentrated in a factory, without taking the road of capitalist monopoly. This presupposes the training of engineers, technicians and skilled hands who are capable of boosting productivity.

Korea is a case in point in this respect.

Here I find it hard to give every detail of the policies of the D.P.R.K.



French delegate at the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition Hall

So, I would like to confine myself only to quoting the words uttered by responsible men whom I had met at one of the above-mentioned machine-building factories. Right after liberation this factory did not have a single Korean engineer or technician. In those days it was far small in scale and old in installation compared with the present time. Today it has more than 1,500 engineers and technicians at its disposal. Most of them have been trained in various colleges at home, or educated in the factory college without divorcing themselves from production.

They have acquired full capabilities to design and manufacture on their own varied valuable machines of superior quality.

We saw such progress in other fields of social and economic life, too. What we should emphasize is the fact that such advance coincided with the rehabilitation and construction of the land immeasurably ruined by the savage, indiscriminate bombing of the U.S. imperialists.

The economic upsurge here has neither come of itself nor has been brought about at the cost of the living of the working people as in the capitalist country. A constant care is taken for improving the life of the working masses and the increase in production is just accompanied with the rise of the wellbeing of the population.

Yet, it does not mean that only a smooth path is spread out before the Korean people marching towards a high level of the Communist system. Now the U.S. imperialists are behaving as a real master in South Korea and they have not discarded their imperialist ambition. This is proved by the fact that the sentries posted along the demarcation line are none other than Yankees. As they have not a bit of confidence in Koreans they refrain from standing Koreans on sentry. Recently they are intensifying provocations against the D.P.R.K., intruding freguently into its territorial air. Some of their planes have already been shot down.

Some time ago, before we visited Panmunjom, the U.S. imperialists who get into a habit of murder cruelly killed five of the North Korean civil police personnel patrolling that area. Our Korean friends told us that the American imperialiists aggravated intentionally such provocations to foster a situation in favour of the outbreak of a new aggressive war. Under the circumstances the D.P.R.K. cannot but meet the situation. Korea is taking measures on the basis of the realistic appraisal of war danger and all people are striving with a fiery zeal to carry them out. I felt this in their May Day demonstrations.

The Korean people are doing all in their power to support the Vietnamese people fighting for the expulsion of the U.S. aggressors from their country. Our Korean friends say that they estimate highly the internationalist sentiments of the French working class who are supporting the oppressed peoples struggling for national independence. I guaranteed the Korean friends that the French Confederation of Labour and the French working class will never, as in the past, forget their internationalist duties. This remark of mine is not meaningless, but it is a correct expression of the feelings harboured by the working class of France.

I saw in Korea that every event and every demonstration had another idea which could be called rather a deep aspiration. This is the aspiration for achieving the reunification of the country which is still divided owing to the flagrant intervention in the Korean affairs and aggressive policies practised by U.S. imperialism in South Korea

The people of this country fought in unity from generation to generation against conquerors and aggressors, the Japanese imperialists in particular. For them the partition of their land remains as a scar unhealed.

The French have also an experience: their ancestors fought against foreign invadors and we ourselves fought against the Hitlerite aggressors. So, we are in a position to share the feelings which find a strong expression in the Korean people, and at the same time we feel impelled to give our selfless solidarity with you in your efforts to realize your impressive and admirable aspiration.

We Are Comrades-in-Arms

Abdul Jawad Hamoud Al Jassem, Delegate of the Syrian Federation of Trade Unions

I saw a very splendid, impressive parade on the square of Pyongyang over which the dazzling sun of May shone.

I saw clearly in the air-rending shouting of slogans, cheers and stirring movements of hundreds of thousands of working people packing the square the true features of the Korean people united like one man around Premier Kim Il Sung.

The parade was grandiose and splendid, indeed.

The workers, peasants, office workers, students, doctors and teachers swung past in high spirits demonstrating their inexhaustible creative energy.

The march past of the Red Worker-Peasant Militia was particularly impressive.

I learned that the Korean people were fully ready to wipe out the American imperialists to the last man, should they start another war in Korea.

Our two peoples are comrades-in-arms standing on the common front. The Syrian people and Government, therefore, give active support to the Korean people in their just struggle. And they render positive support to the Vietnamese people in their struggle.

Victory belongs to you.

On the sea off Songdowon beach, Wonsan

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The highway we had taken was leading to Seoul, but it was blocked by the Yankee imperialists. I wonder how they think of this situation, but I could not restrain myself from indignation at the Americans who had split the nation into two parts, imposing misery upon it.

We were informed about the existing situation there while staring at the assembly hall and its surrounding. The light in the north and the darkness in the south are expanding in different directions respectively from Panmunjom as their starting-point. On the one side there is South Korea where poverty is getting acute more and more under the harsh colonial exploitation and oppression: aggressive policies pursued under the name of "aid;" mortal blows to the industry and agriculture due to the policy of turning the place into a military base; army of unemployed and hungry peasants; sufferings caused by inflation... This is the real situation of South Korea.

On the other side is the northern part of the country where a self-supporting economy is ensured under the correct guidance of Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea. Here the living conditions of the people are improving with the passing days. Houses for the workers are rising everywhere in a great number. It is a society without exploitation. Here production is tied up closely to the life of the people.

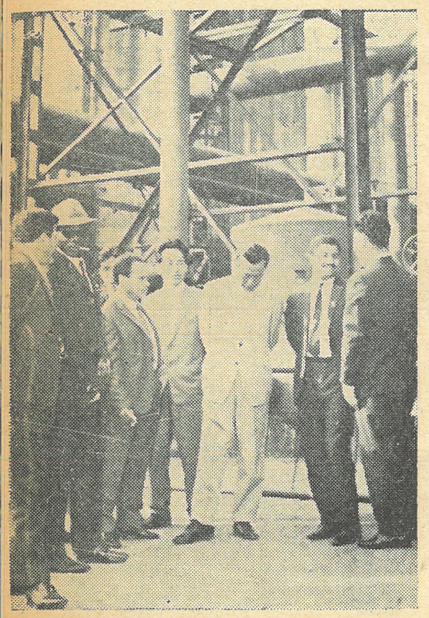
The people in the north and south are of the same nation, yet they are living differently in light and darkness respectively. The root cause of such a situation is the U.S. aggression. It must not be tolerated any more. The peoples of Japan and Korea along with the progressive peoples all over the world should unite firmly and chase out the Yankee imperialists from South Korea as early as possible.

While travelling to various places in Korea, I exchanged warm hand-shakes with many a working people. All of them treated me with ardent friendship and good-will.

Korean People with a Great Leader

Ahmed Ben Mengouda, Organizing Secretary of the Constantine Provincial Workers' Union of the Algerian General Union of Workers

I am going to write down what I have seen in this beautiful land, in this splendid country.



The trade union delegates of Algeria, Nigeria, Syria and Morocco on a visit to the Heungnam Fertilizer Combine

I visited Mt. Keumgang which seemed to symbolize the beauty of Korea. But the first thought that struck me was the U.S. aggressors occupying the half of the country. When I went to the foot of the Nine-Dragon Falls in Mt. Keumgang, I felt that the Falls thundered in anger, condemning the U.S. imperialists who are occupying South Korea against the Korean people's will. Under the rock by the falls I pictured to myself Premier Kim Il Sung lifting up the torchlight for the country's reunification without outside interference. In this respect, he is getting a full support from the Korean people.

Premier Kim Il Sung is a great Leader. In the past, he stirred up the indomitable Korean people to the struggle against the Japanese imperialists. At present, foreseeing far into the future of Korea, he is taking the lead in the Workers' Party of Korea, and knows how to unite the new generation with the love of work, the spirit of self-sacrifice and high morality.

The unemployment and ignorance of the Korean people have been uprooted by Premier Kim Il Sung. He has made the Korean people lead an affluent life and display exploits. He looks forward to the future of the world and so he brings up the rising generation so as to enable them to shoulder the burden of the Korean revolution.

Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea are working among the people all the time.

He loves his people and his people respect their Leader, Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea. The Korean people, who are firmly united behind the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung, will carry out the great task of delivering South Korea which is ravaged by the U.S. aggressors.

The division of the country by the U.S. aggression on South Korea cannot be justified by any reason whatsoever.

When I was on the Demarcation Line I condemned with indignation the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists. Why and in whose name are the Americans occupying South Korea?

I saw a strong contrast between the north and south. In the north I saw factories, houses, parks and peasants working in paddies and fields, whereas waste and silence prevailed in the south. Is it freedom that has spread hatred, ruin and poverty from which the South Korean people suffer for over 20 years?

Korea is one and should not be divided. The mean U.S. imperialists should quit South Korea so as to settle the Korean question by the Koreans themselves.

The Korean people will certainly win victory despite arduous trials and difficulties and will attain the reunification of the country because they put their infinite trust in their Leader and because they are a mighty people marching forward along the road indicated by him. The Korean people will win victory because they are inspired by an ideal whereas the U.S. imperialists are dreaming only of a dirty aggressive ambition. They will win victory because they are confident of their ability and energies, because they are disciplined with a firm resolve to advance along the road of progress and justice, because they love and respect their Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is the immortal soul of the Korean people.

The Korean people, firmly rallied behind Premier Kim Il Sung and the Workers' Party of Korea, are struggling for the construction of their motherland. Their efforts will, no doubt, enable them in the near future to drive out the U.S. imperialists from South Korea and will bring earlier the reunification of the country and genuine happiness to the entire nation.

It is quite true when people say, "a glimpse is better than hundred times of hearing." Though I have stayed in Korea for some ten days only, I have seen with my own eyes the most magnificent thing in my life, the fact that today Korea is marching forward continually in the spirit of independency. It is not strange that the 600,000 Korean residents in Japan regard her as a reliable pillar in their hearts.

In Japan democratic forces are growing in strength with the time. The unity between the democratic forces in Japan and the Korean people will soon make it possible to realize the cause of peace, after driving out the U.S. imperialists from South Korea, Vietnam and Asia.

We Stand by the Korean People

Luigi Nicosia, Leader of the Delegation of the Italian Confederation of Labour

All the foreign visitors to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can not help admiring the changes taken place in Korea. Despite the savage and violent destruction by the Yankee imperialists, the Korean people healed the scars in short space of time thanks to their devoted efforts and have changed their land into a socialist industrial-agricultural country with advanced technique.

In fact, the Korean war was incomparably fierce resulting in a heavy destruction. It was very difficult for the Korean people to rehabilitate and reconstruct it.

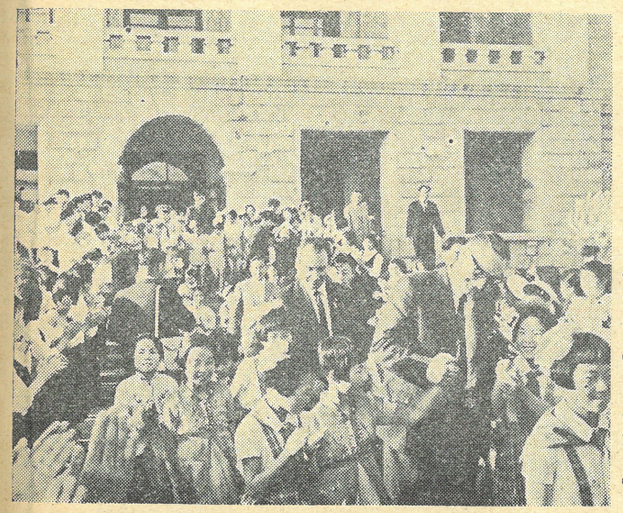
However, the Korean people closely rallied as one around the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung healed the scars left by the war. Then they constructed their socialist motherland and solved the problems of their food, clothing and housing.

Not contented with this, the Korean working class is now fighting on to meet successfully the eventual great event of the reunification of their country.

There is no jobless man in the northern part of Korea. The Korean working people, fully employed, are leading a happy life without any worry.

In this respect, too, I see the superiority of socialism over capitalism.

Italian delegate at the Students' and Children's Hall in Kaesong



The Korean people are attaching a great significance to the national defence. They are right because they are standing face to face with the Yankee aggressors occupying and controlling the southern half of Korea.

The people in the northern and southern parts of Korea are separated each other by the Military Demarcation Line. The U.S. imperialists continue their military provocations against the D.P.R.K. on this very line.

But the patriotic, democratic and just struggle of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea wins the support of all the people who cherish freedom and peace.

The Korean question must be settled by the Korean people themselves without any interference from outside.

Our conviction has been confirmed through our visit to Korea.

Through my personal contact with the Korean working people, I have come to understand better the importance of strengthening further the anti-imperialist common front.

The Italian working people are strengthening the solidarity with the Vietnamese people fighting against the U.S. imperialists. Under the banner of proletarian internationalism the Italian working class is waging an active struggle to support the Vietnamese people who are fighting for the reunification and independence of their country against the Yankee imperialists.

The present situation in Korea becomes more and more aggravated by the ceaseless provocations of the U.S. imperialists on the Military Demarcation Line.

Under the circumstances, it is right that the Korean people are making all preparations in order to fight back the provocative acts of the American imperialists. The present international situation requires that all the people and organizations should promote mutual understanding and co-operation. It is a problem particularly urgent for those who are fighting for their common cause against the common enemy.

It goes without saying that each people choose a form of struggle suitable for the specific conditions of their country. The essential thing is to pour all their efforts on the struggle against the common enemy and on the realization of the common ideal.

In this connection, I hope that the Korean and Italian trade unions will keep in touch with each other more frequently so as to exchange mutual experiences and views.

In parting from Korea, I express my deep gratitude to the Korean working people for their welcome and fraternal hospitality.

I assure you that the Italian working people will continue to stand by the Korean people as they did in the past.

Fifteen Days in Korea

Mahmoud Mowafi, Leader of the Delegation of the Federation of Labour of the United Arab Republic

As a member of the first workers' delegation of the United Arab Republic, I feel greatly honoured to have been invited to Korea to further develop the fraternal relations between the two countries.

I visited the Memorial Hall of the Patriotic War of Liberation. There I was much impressed by the historical heroic exploits which the Korean People's Army performed together with the people under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung in the fight against the American aggressors, and at the same time I abhorred the cruel outrages committed by U.S. troops.

The atrocities perpetrated by the U.S. troops are an unprecedented savagery, a crime that trampled underfoot the human rights.

The victory of the heroic Korean people in the Patriotic War of Liberation against U.S. imperialism shows clearly that no force on earth can vanquish a people fighting for justice and liberation. Should the U.S. imperialists ignite another war they will be certainly defeated again and the Korean people will emerge victorious.

In that case, the Korean people under the leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, beloved Leader of the Korean people and hero, will definitely achieve reunification, and Korea thus unified will march vigorously forward along the path of construction and prosperity in a socialist society.

We, the liberated people of the U.A.R., and our government will stand by the side of the Korean people and give all the support to their just struggle.

I am amazed, above all, at the fact that the Korean people have piled up so miraculous successes in every domain of their life after having rebuilt their war-damaged land.

I saw a number of factories and enterprises including iron works and machine-building plants. Being the pride of the Korean industry, these heavy industry bases which serve as a foundation for the industrialization of the country are a wonderful fruition of the spirit of self-reliance of the Korean people.

I also admire the great concern of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the D.P.R.K. shown for the improvement of the material and cultural standards of workers. The Party and government have built a great number of fine houses and resthomes for the people, providing them with rest and vacation.

The vivid impressions I got during my stay in Korea will live for ever in my mind.

In Korea I saw with my own eyes that Premier Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, was doing all in his power to promote the prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

Everywhere I went I found the firm fighting will and revolutionary spirit of the Korean people who are determined to defend their country against U.S. imperialism.

The successes won by Korea in all sections of life are attributed to the sagacious leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, the beloved and great Leader of the Korean people.

This is proved fully by the fact that Premier Kim Il Sung is paying meticulous attention and care to everything. He visits factories, co-op farms and schools, etc., meeting people of all walks of life and giving them concrete guidance and teachings.

Premier Kim Il Sung is not only a great military leader who is leading his country to victory in the fight against the enemy but also an outstanding statesman bringing prosperity and progress to the country. In fact, he is a great strategist, a great Leader and hero.

I find it hard to write down all that I've seen and heard in Korea. Only, I would like to pay my respects to the Korean people who have gained such brilliant results in their endeavours for socialist construction under the seasoned guidance of Premier Kim Il Sung.

I wish Korea greater progress and prosperity.

At Samilpo lake at the foot of Mt. Keumgang

A Land of Morning Calm

Pennanen Vilye, Delegate of the Finnish Construction Workers' Union and its First Vice-Chairman

How beautiful Korea is!

How passionate the Korean people are!

When I climbed up the Kuryong (nine dragons) Falls in Mt. Keumgang, I was quite enchanted with its surrounding scenery. In Mt. Keumgang, it is not the Kuryong Falls alone which is so beautiful but there are also deep gorges with crystal-clear water rushing down among fantastic rocks.

The cities in Korea are no less beautiful and charming than Mt. Keumgang.

The factories and enterprises in Korea are equipped with up-to-date technology on a big scale. Various goods are being produced, all for the improvement of the people's life.

Now the co-op farms are humming and bustling with peasants working cheerfully. All the hard work is done by machines there. On the green fields were running many tractors and lorries made in Korea. I saw the peasants, liberated from the oppression and exploitation, creating their life.

The Korean people already won world-wide fame in their heroic struggle for the freedom and liberation of their country. Especially today, they are creating big miracles startling the world in their building of a socialist society and national culture.

In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, illiteracy has been completely wiped out. The nine-year compulsory technical education, higher education with uniforms and stipends provided and complete free medical service have been enforced. I have never seen such a rapidly advancing country in my life.

In May Day demonstration, I witnessed the powerful energy of the Korean people united and consolidated firmly. I came to understand all these fruits owed to the wise guidance of the Party and Premier Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Now the territory and population of Korea are artificially divided due to the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists. They are ceaselessly resorting to military provocations against the D.P.R.K. along the Military Demarcation Line, violating the Armistice Agreement.

At Panmunjom, I saw various material evidences which showed how the Yankee imperialists were committing provocative acts and espionage against the D.P.R.K. I was rather surprised, because the U.S. imperialists had committed subversive activities in a wide area for such a long time. However as the western press reports these matters in a false light, the world is not well aware of the criminal acts committed by the U.S. imperialists.

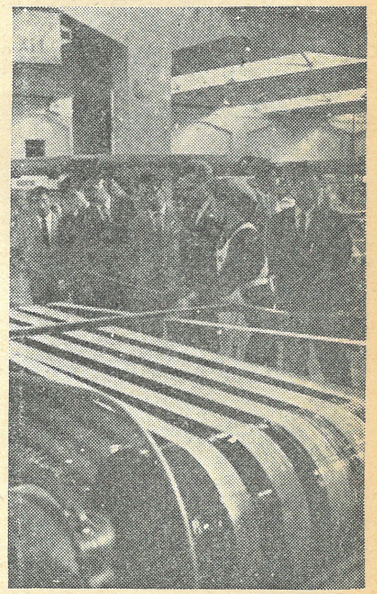
The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists is absolutely unjustifiable. They have no ground whatsoever to do so. Also I am surprised by the fact that the provocations by the U.S. imperialists in Korea are tolerated so long. I think the voice of the world denouncing the occupation of South Korea and provocations by the U.S. imperialists must be raised higher.

Finland is not a big nation. But our voice is strong. The Finnish working people and progressive forces resolutely demand that the U.S. imperialists be withdrawn at once from South Korea.

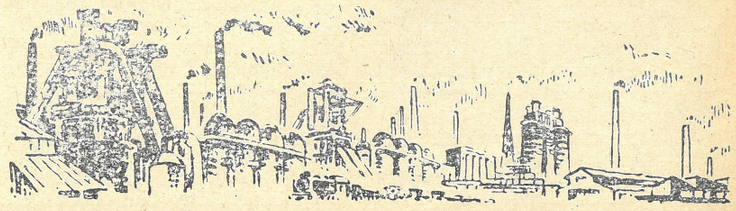
Korea should be reunified by the Korean people themselves. The U.N. and other foreign forces have no right to meddle in this affair. The Korean people have a right to solve their national problem on their free will.

Also the world public must raise its voice condemning the Sato government which is scheming to hinder the repatriation of the Koreans in Japan to their motherland, the D.P.R.K.

Long live the friendship and unity between the Finnish and Korean peoples!



The trade union delegates of Finland and Japan at the Bongung February 8 Vinalon Factory



Reunification Proposal Is Just

Milton Montemar, Delegate of the Uruguayan Workers' Centre, Member of its Central Committee and General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Coal and Chemical Workers' Trade Union

I passed happy days during my stay in the beautiful land of the Korean people.

In parting from Korea, I express my thanks to the civilized, industrious and heroic Korean people.

I am sure that the achievements and experiences made by the Korean working people under the sagacious leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung will give much help to our struggle.

To supplement what they were lacking and to make what they did not have, it is the spirit of self-reliance, a revolutionary spirit formed in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle under the personal guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung. This revolutionary spirit is being fully displayed in the struggle for socialist construction.

Upholding this great banner, the socialist builders of Korea have made great changes in their economy, society, culture and all other spheres with their own efforts and technique. This is evidenced by the factories of heavy and light industries, mechanized farms, many colleges including the Kim Il Sung University, fine houses built in towns and villages, medical establishments, nurseries and kindergartens attached to every work place, palaces for students and children, etc.

I can not help admiring and adoring the Korean people, the Workers' Party and the distinguished Leader Kim Il Sung who have done so much in so short space of time.

I also perceived everywhere the burning aspiration of the Korean people to liberate South Korea and to reunify their motherland as early as possible.

At Panmunjom I saw cruel and impudent faces of the Yankees. They are committing all sorts of criminal acts and provocations in South Korea as they are doing in many Latin American countries. They killed members of the Korean civil police on the Military Demarcation Line just as they did to the Cuban comrades at Guantanamo. I feel myself burning with anger whenever I hear or witness the criminal and provocative acts committed by the Yankee imperialists.

However the Yankee imperialists run wild, I am sure, the Korean people who are closely rallied behind the Party and Leader and are ready to repulse any aggression on their motherland will certainly drive out the aggressors from their land, liberate the southern part of Korea now occupied by the U.S. imperialists and ultimately attain the reunification of the country.

The proposal for the reunification presented by the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is just and it holds fast to its democratic principle.

However, up to this day, the Yankee imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime have turned a deaf ear to this patriotic and just proposal.

The delegates of the trade unions and the people's liberation movement from Latin America wholeheartedly support the standpoint of the D.P.R.K. that the reunification of Korea should be realized by the Korean people themselves without any interference from outside. They resolutely demand that the Yankee imperialist aggressive troops quit South Korea without delay.

I will lay bare the provocations and aggressive acts by the imperialists against the Korean people before the Uruguayan people. I will publish in "El Popular", our union organ, all the documents and proposals on the reunification of Korea on the occasion of the month of solidarity with the Korean people (June—July).

I think the day when the Korean people under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier Kim Il Sung will realize this honourable task is approaching.

The friendly tie connecting our two peoples will further strengthen in the struggle for our revolutionary cause and in the figth to wipe out forever the U.S. imperialists, our common enemy, from the earth.

Trade union delegates from Mexico, Uruguay and Guiana at the Pyongyang Electric Locomotive Factory

A Magic Tour

Diomides Hj Christou, Delegate of the Pan-Cyprian Federation of Labour (PEO)

Wonderful is May Day celebration in Pyongyang. It will be unforgettable in all my life, specially the demonstration of the brave militia-women

All the foreign delegates were invited to entertainment on May Day evening. On their way back they stopped for a few minutes in the Kim Il Sung Square. For the first time in my life I watched thousands upon thousands of joyful people dancing national dances. The spectacle was so attractive and impressive that I was drawn into it unconsciously. I started dancing too, although I don't know how to dance. There was something that moved me deeply. The joyful girl dancing with me was an orphan. Her parents were killed cruelly by the U.S. imperialists. I was deeply moved when I heard her saying that she would fight against the U.S. aggressors, if the situation in Korea demands that.

The mass gymnastic show in the stadium with its 100,000 seats, on the 2nd of May, was a marvellous one. I should say it was a magic show. All my attention was drawn to the show—dancing, music, songs, marvel of blended colours, excellent pictures shifting automatically on the setting and, above all, the revolutionary content permeated in them. I really admired this performance of revolutionary works that showed me the sound spirit in which all the people are educated. I was greatly pleased by the pictures on the setting depicting the fighting Vietnam, Cuba, African countries, and the international struggle against imperialism, solidarity and friendship between the peoples all over the world. I met the same sound international revolutionary spirit in all other circumstances. Not even a trace of chauvinism is visible in the D.P.R.K.

I visited Mt. Keumgang. Mt. Keumgang tells of the ancient and new history of the nation. It is a great symbol of courage of the Korean people and the independence of Korea. No U.S. bombardment can destroy these mountains—symbol of liberty although it destroyed even Buddist temples.

Let aside its historical meaning, what a breathtaking beauty they unfold! Waterfalls, peaks piercing through clouds, a great variety of flowers, green trees everywhere, running streams with crystal-clear water, the water supposed to restore youth, Manmulsang (Hill with Ten Thousand Figures), the "rabbit-rocks," the Eight Ponds where once upon a time fairies came to bathe, and so many picturesque and historic spots to see!

One day I enjoyed a boating in Songdowon, a beach lying in the outskirts of the heroic city of Wonsan. We amused ourselves walking in its pine-studded park, a richman's paradise in the past only. Flower-beds, rest-rooms, children's garden, dancing court, recreation ground, and, of course, the excellent sand beach, are all for the benefits of the working masses.

My visit to Hamheung, the second largest city but the biggest industrial centre was the most satisfying experience I ever had in Korea.

All the factories there showed me the industrial power of the D.P.R.K., in most cases the factories were advanced and automated. Here I reaffirmed my belief that the Korean people should be very proud of their industrial achievements. The D.P.R.K., once and for all, got rid of its backwardness as seen in an agrarian country and now is marching forward in gigantic strides to catch up with or overpass the most industrialized countries. That is what I concluded when I saw the factories and read the will on the faces of your people.

I had the deepest emotions when I visited the Honoured Soldiers' Plastic Daily Necessaries Factory.

There I found with a great surprise invalid veterans—honoured soldiers. Previously, I did not dare to ask what happened to those wounded in the war. Crippled soldiers! They are producing there quality goods and are overfulfilling their plan. Aren't they the people who are abandoned without help in the capitalist countries? But here they are respected and loved by all the people.

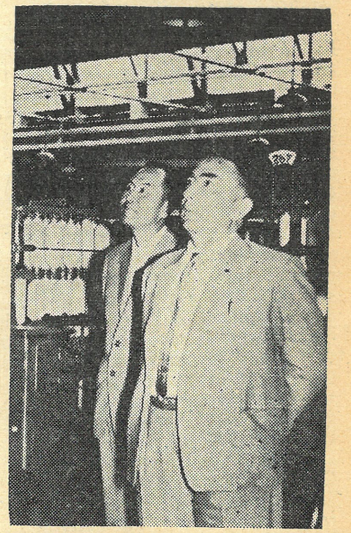
On my return to Pyongyang, I saw the Museum of Korean Revolution. I was received by Vice-Premier Choe Yong Jin and had a friendly talk with him. On May 10th I visited the city of Kaesong together with many other delegates. During the war Kaesong belonged to South Korea, because it situated south of the 38th parallel. I got a joyful impression on my visit to Kaesong, a very nice city. I visited the Demarcation Line and Panmunjom, too. I already spoke about my impressions through radio, but I want to add this. What a calm attitude and confidence in their strength the People's Armymen showed! The people of the D.P.R.K. should be proud of having such an excellent army.

I deeply admire your gallant and glorious army!

In this city we visited a textile mill where 80 per cent of the employees were women. At the Kaesong Students' and Children's Hall we saw a very young boy conducting an orchestra in a performance.

On my second return to Pyongyang I visited many more interesting places. At a knitting factory I saw 500 different sorts of goods were being produced with nylon, wool, cotton, vinalon and cashmiron. Further visits were paid to the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition Hall, Pyongyang Textile Mill, Pyongyang Silk Textile Mill where the manager is a woman, the Daean Electric Appliances Factory where I made a speach not only on my impressions of this visit but also on Cyprus situation. In the latter I found that new collective system of

Cypriot delegate at the Pyongyang Textile Mill



A Most Fascinating Document

by **Wilfred Burchett,** Australian journalist-writer

Among the strongest impressions of this memorable visit to the D.P.R.K., now drawing to a close, is the "Chollima" speed with which everything is being done. The fact that the Korean people under the inspired guidance of Premier Kim Il Sung are pushing ahead on all fronts at the same speed, fairly racing towards the future, often along roads that no one else has ever trodden. "Juche" and "Chollima" seem to me to be inseparable components of what one can only call the miracle of the D.P.R.K.

When I talked the other day with An Hak Su and Pak Song Ryol, the two former "ROK" soldiers who deserted in South Vietnam and came to the northern part of Korea, I realized just how far you had travelled. What they told me of life today in the South, reminded me of talks I have had here with old peasants, recalling their terrible lives under Japanese occupation. Pak Song Ryol told 80 per cent of the peasants in his village were living, like his own family, on grass and roots during the "Lean Spring" season every year, of his four brothers who were unable to go to school. Both laughed heartily when I asked what percentage of villages in the South had electricity. The lives of peasants in South Korea today are those of your peasants 22 years ago.

It is not, however, in comparing the lives of people in the South with the North, or your own preliberation lives with those you live today, that I have my deepest impressions. And it is not only by the gigantic steps that you have taken in industrial construction and technological advances. It is by the quality of the leadership of the Workers' Party headed by Premier Kim Il Sung, and the way in which some of the most fundamental problems in building a socialist, Communist society are being tackled in a scientific and very human way, in a way which would be unthinkable if it were not for the deep ties between leadership and people, the deep and intimate understanding that the leadership has of the problems of Korean workers and peasants.

I have visited a dozen or so factories, cooperative farms, educational establishments. At each of these, Premier Kim Il Sung had been on repeated occasions—28 times to one key industrial establishment—to acquaint himself with problems and difficulties. By intimate discussions with workers, he came to know of the real sourse of the difficulties and gave concrete advice as to how to deal with them. There is no "arm-chair" leadership in this country; nothing abstract or theoretical in the top-level decisions taken. The fact that the leadership of the Workers' Party has its finger on the pulse of the people and is intimately informed on every facet of the life of the nation, is certainly a prime source for the speed and precision of your race towards the future.

One of the examples of this that has impressed me most is the progress towards abolishing the differences beween city and countryside, the class differences between workers and peasants. Ever since Marxism-Leninism took over from the bourgeois reformers, in leading the world forward, the abolition of city-countryside differences has been high on the list of revolutionary tasks, but it has proved one of the most difficult to solve. And I do not speak of capitalist countries where the city quite openly exploits the countryside. It has proved also a major problem even in countries that have taken the socialist road and have set their sights on building a Communist society.

The D.P.R.K. has already introduced many measures to the peasantry of yesterday—todays' cooperative farmers—the social benefits formerly enjoyed only by city workers in advanced societies. Paid leave before and after child-birth for mothers, annual holidays with paid leave at sanatoria and rest homes, the provision of nurseries and kindergartens. One feels the worker-peasant alliance at work in the countryside, not only by the furnishing of tractors, trucks, farm implements, fertilizers, etc. by the State but also by the system under which factories assume direct responsibilities towards specific cooperative farms in their areas and by labour help from city workers in the busy season. I saw trucks and buses full of singing workers pouring out of Pyongyang last Saturday, for instance, to give a hand with the rice transplanting work. In conversations I have had with cooperative farm workers and their leaders, it is obvious that you are going much further than this in reinforcing the worker-peasant alliance and abolishing their class differences.

Everywhere I found farmers are studying to acquire the technical skills of industrial workers and the class outlook also of the working class. It is obvious that with the scale on which the farms are now organized, necessitating more and more mechanization, a further big leap ahead is dependent on heightened technical capacities of the farmers, and that to prepare for the day when cooperative property becomes, like the factories, the property of the whole people, the class outlook of the farmers must be remoulded. Only a short time ago, they were commodity producers selling the products of their land plus their labour. Now they are already socialist builders and it is normal that their outlooks will change accordingly and thus prepare the way for a further big bound forward towards that dream of progressive mankind when differences between city and countryside will be at first greatly reduced and then abolished altogether.

I learned that technicians on the cooperative farms now draw up blue-prints of implements needed by their farm, or perhaps suitable for the whole county, province or even of nation-wide importance and that these are made at county, provincial or central factories. Another proof of the rapidly-rising technical levels in the countryside.

I read with great attention Premier Kim Il Sung's "Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country" and found it a most fascinating document, a real blueprint for the immediate future and which is taking shape right now. I was particularly interested in the section dealing with the Role and Tasks of the County and in the Immediate Measures for Strengthening the Economic Basis of the Cooperative Farms, the decisions to abolish the agricultural tax-in-kind and to undertake capital construction at state expense and state housing for the countryside. I liked very much the passage that: "The county seat is the base for popularising in the rural areas the advanced culture and customs in the cities. It must be built in a beautiful, neat, cultured and hygienic way, so that the villages may follow its example. In every sphere, the county seat must be an example for the farm villages and a model of the new, socialist way of life."

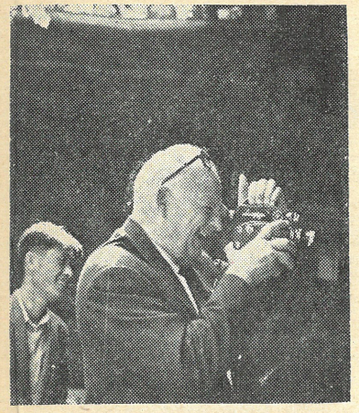
In visiting the cooperative farms, I found that indeed they are modelling their new life on that of the advanced county centres. And when I spoke with specialists who are drawing up plans for a more rational distribution of cities, based on smaller units than the sprawling, unplanned giant cities in the West, then I understood that the problem of abolishing the differences between city and countryside is being tackled from many sides simultaneously. If I have looked into this question rather deeply, it is because having spent my early life in the countryside of Australia and having suffered and seen my neighbours suffer from the exploitation of the countryside by the city, it is an age-old problem of which I am acutely aware and which I have not seen tackled in any other country as it is today in the D.P.R.K.

Finally I would like to mention my impressions of Premier Kim Il Sung, that great son of the Korean people. I was fortunate enough to have spent one hour with him last Saturday. He has that quality that only great men have, of ease and simplicity and dealing with every complex question in simple, easily understandable terms. When he put questions to me about my own life and work, I could easily picture him, sitting down under a tree or at a factory bench and discussing problems with peasants and workers, putting them at their ease immediately, getting them to speak out about the problems of their life and their work, with a view to finding a solution.

During my stay in Korea, I have read the two volumes of Kim Il Sung's Selected Works and have found them of absorbing interest. Not only as historical reference material for the development of the country from the setting forth of the 20-Point Platform in March 1946, but also as a study of Premier Kim Il Sung's style of work. His insistence on going down to the masses and studying problems on the spot; his brilliant, scientific analyses of situations at home and abroad and his capacity of clearly setting out in time the measures necessary to cope with these situations.

Premier Kim Il Sung gave me his views on the situation in and around the Demilitarized Zone with the recent big increase of U.S. violations and provocations, coupled with the recent U.S.-Japanese and U.S.-"ROK" naval manoeuvres off the Korean coast. He warned that if the Americans think they can frighten the Korean people by such provocations, then they are very mistaken, and that if they dare to commit aggression again against the D.P.R.K.: "the revolutionary forces in the North and the South will unite and drive them completely from Korean soil."

I am leaving Pyongyang today with the warmest impression of everything I have seen and learned here, enriched by the meeting with Premier Kim Il Sung and his warm, friendly and encouraging words to me. Certainly, this time it will not be as last time, only after 13 years that I return to Pyongyang. I will come back and keep coming back until I can visit Seoul, Pusan and Cheju island as well.



During his revisit to Kaesong

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work initiated by your Leader was bringing about splendid results.

Very interesting was my visit to Pyongyang Normal College where students are trained for teaching at high technical schools. Your education system, especially since the decision of the Party and the Government on enforcing the 9-year compulsory technical education system, gives you a great possibility to raise the level of education onto a higher plane in all spheres of knowledge.

As my tour was drawing to a close, I was suggested to go and see your art gallery and the Students' and Children's Palace in Pyongyang. It was the most wonderful and precious experience that I ever had in my whole life.

I thank to the Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea for its kind invitation to my Federation—the Pan-Cyprian Federation of Labour.

On the occasion of the May Day celebrations I had a wonderful opportunity to see a lot of things in your country. I have seen your reality with my own eyes.

I believe my visit has been very useful for the strengthening of the friendship and solidarity between Cyprus and Korean peoples.

I had already put down my conclusions in general terms on different occasions, and especially in my written speech delivered at the meeting in the Daean Electric Appliances Factory.

But I should like to stress once again with great admiration and deep satisfaction the fact that here in your country I found a happy and bright people filled with sound revolutionary spirit that I hardly expected. At first some of your principles, your inspiring methods of work, some slogans and words were incomprehensive for me. As I have been among you these days, I ha gradually grasped the meaning of *Juche*, self-reliance, Chollima movement, Daean work system and, above all, I found the will of the Korean people for the reunification is invincible.

Really I approve this policy of your country. The wise and sagacious policy of your Party and Government is excellent seeds which will bring your people a very rich harvest.

Your Party headed by your beloved, great leader Kim Il Sung, with its correct policies, is not only raising up to a higher level the living standards and heightening the revolutionary spirit of your people, but also contributes greatly to the strengthening of such a spirit in other countries on an international scale.

The working class and the liberation forces of Cyprus fully support your just struggle for the reunification of your beloved country. Your sworn enemy, U.S. imperialism, is our common enemy. Let's fight together against the U.S. war-monsters in order to attain our noble aims.

Identity of Stand

Korean-Cuban Trade Unions Issue Joint Statement

The Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and the Central Union of Workers of Cuba published a joint statement in Pyongyang on May 9.

The joint statement declares that the two sides reached a full agreement on further consolidating and developing their comradely relations, exchanging experiences and strengthening mutual support and solidarity.

It says:

The delegation of the Central Union of Workers of Cuba hails the enormous successes made by the Korean working class and people in all spheres of socialist construction — economy, national defence, culture and sports—under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and Comrade Kim Il Sung, like achievements of its own and the entire socialist camp.

Considering that the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists is the chief obstacle to the reunification of Korea, the delegation of the Central Union of Workers of Cuba expresses undivided support to the righteous struggle of the Korean working class and people for expelling the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops from South Korea and achieving an independent reunification of their country.

The Cuban and Korean trade union centres denounce the Japanese militarists' schemes to invade South Korea again.

The statement continues:

The Central Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea warmly congratulates the Cuban working class and people on the gigantic advance and achievements they have made since the liberation in the construction of a new society, converting their country into the first land of freedom in Latin America, under the correct leadership of the Communist Party headed by Comrade Fidel Castro.

The GFTUK Central Committee expresses warm support to and firm solidarity with the heroic Cuban people who are defending their revolutionary gains and successfully promoting socialist construction, courageously repulsing the ceaseless aggression and provocations of the Yankee imperialists.

Expressing firm solidarity with fraternal Vietnamese people who are fighting heroically against U.S. imperialist aggression, the joint statement says:

The two sides strongly demand that the U.S. imperialist aggressors stop unconditionally and finally bombing raids and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and quit South Vietnam at once with all their aggressive forces, satellite and puppet troops as well as all their lethal weapons.

The two sides reached agreement on developing solidarity on a wider scale with the anti-imperialist, national-liberation struggle of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples—the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Colombia, Bolivia, Angola, Mozambique, Portuguese Guinea, Palestine, South Yemen, etc.

Korea's Reunification Should Be Solved by Koreans

JOINT STATEMENT OF GFTUK AND TRADE UNIONS OF ARAB COUNTRIES

A joint statement of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea and trade unions of Arab countries was published in Pyongyang on May 12.

Follows the gist of the statement:

The federations of Arab trade unions warmly hail the brilliant successes made by the Korean people in socialist construction under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung.

The Arab side resolutely denounces the U.S. imperialists who are trying to provoke a new aggressive war in Korea, incessantly perpetrating grave acts of military provocation of late along the Military Demarcation Line against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Considering that the basic obstacle to the reunification of Korea is the occupation of South Korea by U.S. imperialism, the Arab side holds that the U.S. troops should pull out of South Korea at once and the question of Korea's reunification be solved by the Korean people themselves free from any outside interference.

The Arab side condemns U.S. imperialism for using the U.N. as a tool for its aggression in Korea and holds that the U.N. should withdraw from South Korea the U.S. army which is occupying it under the signboard of "U.N. forces" and dissolve without delay the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea."

The Arab side resolutely supports the Korean people in their just struggle for the reunification of their country by expelling the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

The Arab side strongly denounces the schemes of the Japanese militarists who are stretching their tentacles of aggression to South Korea under the patronage of U.S. imperialism.

The Korean and Arab sides resolutely condemn the Pak Jung Hi clique of South Korea, faithful stooges of U.S. imperialism and stranglers of the national-liberation movement, who are sending puppet mercenary troops to the aggressive war in South Vietnam and perpetrating, in league with the aggressive colonialist Zionist movement, hostile acts against the Arab peoples.

The Korean and Arab sides express full support to and firm solidarity with the heroic Vietnamese people in their just struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression in defence of freedom and independence, and vehemently condemn the U.S. imperialist manoeuvres to escalate the war to destroy Vietnam.

Both sides consider that the Vietnamese question should be solved in accordance with the four-point demand of the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the five-point programme of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, the sole and genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people.

Both sides strongly demand that the U.S. imperialists stop unconditionally and definitely bombing and all other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and pull out of South Vietnam at once, taking all the troops of the U.S. and its satellite countries.

The Korean side resolutely and strongly supports the struggle of the Palestinian workers and people for liberating Palestine and returning to their motherland and for the right to self-determination.

The Korean side supports the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Liberation Army and the work of the Arab and Palestinian fighters in their occupied territory.

The Korean side condemns the existence of Israel in this region.

The Korean side affirms that the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, as a member of the International Committee for Solidarity with the Palestinian Workers and People, will contribute to discharging its duty.

The Korean side expresses unqualified support to the struggle of the Aden workers and people for smashing the machinations of the colonialists and their lackeys and for their right to self-determination and condemns all sorts of sinister moves of the colonialist authorities.

The Korean side declares that the Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen has the right to represent the Aden-Arab people and that any other front posing as the representative of the Aden people is the stooge and tool of the colonialists defending the colonial interests in this area.

The Korean side fully supports the Syrian-Arab people who are fighting against the colonialist intrigues hatched by world imperialism in conspiracy with Israel and their reactionary allies in this area.

The Korean side supports the resolute, bold stand of the Revolutionary Government of Syria against the oil monopolies.

The Korean side supports the Yemeni revolution and condemns the interference of the colonialists and their lackeys against the Yemeni revolution and the Yemeni-Arab people.

The Korean side also supports the Yemeni Arab Republic fighting against Arab reactionaries, colonialism and world imperialism.

The Korean and Arab sides are convinced of the final victory of the Angolan, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinean peoples and of the inevitability of the liquidation of colonialism of all forms.

The two sides declare that they extend support and encouragement to the progressive and revolutionary forces and to the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples fighting for liberation.

The joint statement was signed by **Gang Tae Ho** of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Korea, **Abdelhak** of the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions, **Mahmoud Mowafi** of the Federation of Labour of the United Arab Republic, **Abdul Jawad Hamoud El Jassem** of the Syrian Federation of Trade Unions, **Said Khamra** of the Federation of the Unions of Palestine Workers, **El Khamloussy Abdelkader** of the Moroccan Federation of Labour, **Abdula Ahmed Ismail** of the Aden Trade Union Congress, and **Ahmed Ben Mengouda** of the Algerian General Union of Workers.

After signing the joint statement

Yankees, Withdraw from South Korea at Once!

Delegates from Latin America Issue a Statement

The delegates from Latin American countries on a visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued in Pyongyang on May 9 "a statement expressing solidarity with the Korean people fighting against the threat of aggression by the Yankee imperialists."

Below we print a gist of the statement.

We Latin American delegates who had come to the D.P.R.K. to attend the May Day celebrations looked round various parts here. We also visited Panmunjom on the Military Demarcation Line that artificially divides Korea into North and South.

There we saw with our own eyes the ferocious and impudent faces of Yankee soldiers.

Since Johnson's visit to Seoul under their occupation, the Yankee imperialists have been carrying on incessant acts of military provocation which constitute part of their new aggression against the peaceable and diligent Korean people.

We could feel that such provocations only further aroused the patriotism and revolutionary enthusiasm of the organized and industrious Korean people.

We warmly congratulate the Korean people on the brilliant achievements they have made in socialist construction and in the struggle for increasing the power of their country, under the wise leadership of Premier Kim Il Sung, their great leader, behind whom they are firmly rallied.

We could see how the Korean people were making preparations for sweeping the Yankee imperialist aggressors, should they dare to put into practice their new criminal plan for invading Korea, for driving them out of the Korean territory and liberating South Korea under their occupation, and for realizing the country's reunification.

We fully support the just position of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that Korea should be reunified by the Korean people themselves free from any foreign interference. We strongly demand that the Yankee imperialist aggressor army be withdrawn from South Korea at once and the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" be dissolved without delay.

The Yankee imperialists are daily expanding their criminal war against the heroic Vietnamese people. They have revived Japanese militarism and are engaged in provocation and aggression against the peoples of Laos and Cambodia. And, as part of their strategy for the domination of Asia and the world, they are preparing for another aggression against the Korean people.

The delegates who signed this statement condemn, before the peoples of Latin America and the rest of the world, the Yankee imperialists for their provocations and aggressive plans.

We call upon the working people and fighters opposing imperialism and neo-colonialism to maintain high vigilance, lash at their atrocities and provocations, fight more resolutely to overthrow their lackeys, and express solidarity with the Korean people more extensively and resolutely.

We are convinced that the united struggle of all peoples will drive the imperialist aggressors to their final doom.

The statement was signed by:

Usinio Rozas and **Jacinto Viamontes,** of the delegation of the Central Union of Workers of Cuba;

Bernardo Adaya, delegate of the Executive Secretariat of the Solidarity Organization of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America;

Delegate of the Federation of the Independence Trade Union of Colombia;

Sesar Emilio Sosa and **Hakov Kavrelas,** members of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Dominican People's Movement;

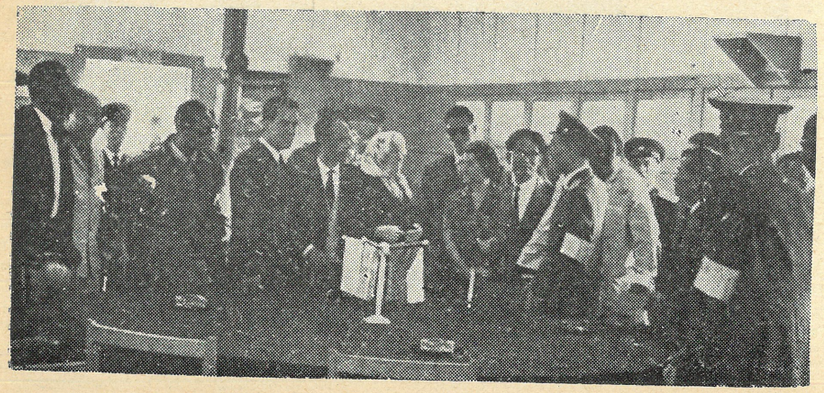
Gabriel Sallasar, leading member of the Guatemalan Workers' Party and leader of the Uprisnng Armed Forces;

Milton Montemar, delegate of the Uruguayan Workers' Centre, and

Oscar Cabrera, Uruguayan delegate to the Organizing Committee for the Conference of the Latin American People's Solidarity;

Fortunato Leyva Acosta, delegate of the Mexican Federation of Workers and Peasants Unions;

Elias Manuitt, Chairman of the Venezuelan National Liberation Front and a delegate of Guiana



At a meeting hall in Panmunjom

Support to Korean People's Struggle for Reunification

Delegates of International Democratic Organizations Issue a Statement

Delegates of international democratic organizations visiting Korea stressed in a joint statement that the question of Korea's reunification should be solved independently by the Korean people themselves without any outside interference after the withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea.

The statement was signed by: ISABELLE BLUME, the World Peace Council; BERNARDO ADAYA, the Solidarity Organization of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America; LE GAL, World Federation of Democratic Youth; CAROLS, International Union of Students; NARCELLE CORSAWANT, Women's International Democratic Federation; MARCO LULIO RODRIGUEZ, International Organization of Journalists; LAZARE COULIBALY, All-African Trade Union Federation; ABDELHAK, International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions; OSCAR CABRERA, Organizing Committee for the Conference of the Latin American People's Solidarity.

The statement says:

During our stay in Korea, we attended the grand May Day celebrations in Pyongyang and witnessed the militant spirit and great force of the Korean people united by the same idea and the same will around the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by Premier Kim Il Sung, and we were struck with admiration by the indomitable struggle of the Korean people who are marching vigorously for the independent reunification of their country and the final victory of socialist construction.

The statement denounces the U.S. imperialists who have transformed South Korea into their colony and military base for aggression in the Far East and Asia and the Japanese militarists who are making their way into South Korea and stretching their tentacles of aggression toward Korea and other Asian countries, feverishly seeking to realize their old dream of the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere" with the backing of U.S. imperialism.

It also flays the Pak Jung Hi clique, the faithful lackeys of U.S. imperialism, who not only commit vicious crimes against the Korean people but also serve U.S. imperialism as an aggressive tool for stifling the national-liberation movement in Asia.

Pointing to the intensified U.S. acts of military provocation on the Military Demarcation Line, the statement points out that these provocations may unleash a new war in Korea and they menace peace in Asia and the world.

The statement continues:

The United Nations should take measures for the immediate withdrawal from South Korea of the U.S. troops and all other foreign troops which are occupying there under the signboard of the "U.N. forces" and the dissolution of the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea." This was underscored in the sagacious and reasonable propositions of Premier Kim Il Sung in his reply on January 4, 1967 to the President of the Korean Affairs Institute in Washington.

We extend powerful support to the Korean people in their just struggle for expelling the U.S. troops from South Korea and reunifying their country independently.

Expressing militant solidarity with the heroic Vietnamese people who are waging a just national salvation war of resistance against the U.S. imperialist aggression and for freedom, independence and peace, the statement continues:

For the preservation of peace, national independence, democracy and social progress, the people should deliver blows to the U.S. imperialists all over the world on all fronts and bind them hand and foot so they cannot run wild.

We will make every possible effort in the future to form, through our respective organizations, an international united front against U.S. imperialism and other imperialist powers, particularly the West-German militarists, the supporter of the U.S. policy of aggression in Europe, who, for their own revanchist aim, menace security in Europe and peace in the world and, the Japanese militarists who, seeking colonial ambitions in Asia, menace the security of the peoples in this part of the world and the peace.

U.S. Troops Should Quit South Korea Unconditionally

Delegates from different countries, after visiting Panmunjom on May 11, expressed wrath at the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops under the flag of the United Nations and issued a joint statement demanding the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. troops from South Korea.

The joint statement reads in full:

We, the delegations of foreign countries, whose names are signed below, were shocked at the manner in which the name and flag of the United Nations Organization is being misused by the United States army officers at Panmunjom, not merely as an excuse for their presence in Korea, but even to apologize for blatant intrusions over territorial air space of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by U.S. aircraft in violation of the armistice agreement.

We are resolved that we will urge our respective governments to take suitable steps in the United Nations to end this misuse of the United Nations Organization.

We also resolve that we will urge our respective governments to take suitable steps to ensure that all U.S. forces should immediately and unconditionally be withdrawn from South Korea and that the people of Korea should be left free to settle their own affairs without any foreign interference.

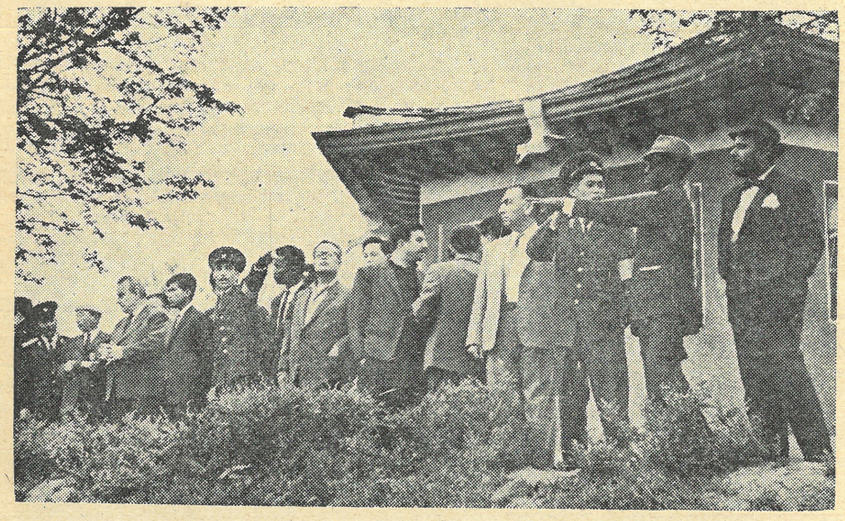
We finally appeal to peace-loving peoples all over the world to urge their governments to take similar steps.

(Signed by) **Tedjini Ruider**, Algeria
Iat Bountheng, Cambodia
Milton Montemar, Uruguay
Carlos Torre Flores, Peru
W.G. Burchett, Australia
Ahmed Toughan, U.A.R.
Otini Kambona, Tanzania
Magete Geneon, Burundi
R.D. Bandaranaike, M.P. Ceylon
Rajah L. Perera, Ceylon,
Marta Solis, Mexico
Gabriel Obongui, Congo (B)

The government delegations of the Central African Republic and the Republic of Zambia will report the contents of this resolution to their respective governments.

(Signed by) **M.H. Baluku**, Zambia

August Mboe, Central African Republic



Foreign guests at Panmunjom

"Let's liberate South Korea and reunify the motherland!"
This slogan represents the supreme task of our generation. Mindful of this task we prepare ourselves so that each of us may cope with one hundred foes.

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